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Vermont Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs,

Please support bill S. 161. As a scientist and an animal lover, I believe this bill is extremely important.

Let me start by stating different species react differently to the **same** product. Humans will never react the exact same way as another species because we are of DIFFERENT species - we have differences in organ function, chemical absorption, toxin metabolism and so forth.

For instance - consider the public's current fascination with essential oils that recently led to an explosion on the internet stating that pet owners were finding their pets were becoming severely ill due to use of a diffuser in their home. This is just one of the many examples of where DIFFERENT species react DIFFERENTLY to the SAME product.

Current scientific research has recognized this, and come up with MANY alternatives, but as with most "new" methods they can take time before they become more widespread in practice. Therefore, this bill is extremely important in helping make these more accurate and often more cost effective (not to mention humane) methods more present in Vermont.

Thank you for your time.

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