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I am writing to request that you please slightly modify the wording in Vermont House Bill 578. While the first part of the bill has an exception for a veterinary or animal husbandry purpose, the second part also needs a similar exception. The most reputable breeders of dogs use Artificial Insemination for many reasons:

1. to preserve genetic diversity, it is often necessary to use a stud dog from across the country or the world. This can be done through AI, which allows us to make the best breeding decisions based on health, welfare, temperament, and many other considerations without the constraint of location.
2. It's much safer for the dogs. The spread of brucellosis and other communicable diseases can be prevented more easily through AI
3. Any time you introduce intact animals for the purpose of breeding, things can go wrong. Dogs can fight, attempt to pull apart from a tie, or other issues. Most responsible breeders use AI to protect their dogs.

Please amend the bill to clarify "human semen" since this bill seems designed to protect dogs from human sexual abuse, which is obviously something everyone agrees on.

Furthermore, farmers rely on AI for dairy cows, dairy goats, and even horses. If it were to be outlawed for dogs, the ramifications could extend even farther.

Sincerely,

Juliana Goodwin.

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