



COLORADO FEDERATION  
OF ANIMAL WELFARE AGENCIES

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Representative Joann Ginal  
Chair, Health, Insurance & Environment  
200 E. Colfax, Room 307  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Representative Ginal:

The Colorado Federation of Animal Welfare Agencies supports HB17-1179, Concerning Immunity for a Person who Renders Emergency Assistance.

Many pet owners do not realize how quickly a car's internal temperature can rise and pose a serious health risk to an animal left inside. When it is 85 degrees outside, the temperature inside a car can soar to 102 degrees in 10 minutes and 120 degrees in 30 minutes. A dog within a vehicle can only withstand a high body temperature for a short time before suffering significant health issues.

This bill was thoughtfully crafted to increase protections for animals and at-risk humans while preventing vigilantism. Intervention is carefully defined and kept as a last resort only to be used when other options have been exhausted and the animal or human is in visible distress. The requirement to notify law enforcement or animal control is a crucial component of this bill.

Colorado Federation of Animal Welfare Agencies urges you to support HB17-1179 to help protect at-risk humans and animals in our state.

Sincerely,



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