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I wish to state my opposition to the proposed ban of domestic hybrid cats in the state of California. The proponents of the ban make many false claims against these cats. Most importantly, I ask you to require evidence from the proponents of this ban before even considering their "facts".

These cats are NOT wild cats. They include Bengals, Savannahs and Chausies. These are domestic cats fully recognized by The International Cat Association (TICA) and shown in cat shows all over the US, Europe and Japan alongside other domestic breeds such as Siamese and Persians. All generations of these cats are recognized by the U.S.D.A as domestic cats.

These cats are NOT turned away by shelters because of the unlikelihood of their adoption. These are among the most desired cats and Savannah Cat Rescue alone currently has a list of over 10,000 potential adopters. The Bengal is TICA's most popular cat. These cats are not unwanted!

These cats will NOT mate with ferals and create a "superbreed" of hunters. Early generation males are sterile until the f5/6 generation. Although some cats may be sold to other breeders unaltered, the overwhelming majority are sold as pets and come either spayed or neutered or the owners are required to do so contractually.

Unfortunately, a few animal rights groups are attempting to support their call for a ban with widely exaggerated claims. Their "facts" are untrue and unsupported and deserve to be thoroughly investigated.

The truth is these breeds are not different from other pet cats. A ban on these cats would have a huge impact on their many owners, breeders and fans who love and appreciate them. It would be tragic if these cherished pets were torn from their families and the only homes they have ever known and either euthanized or placed in cages in sanctuaries. If cats truly had rights I know they would choose a warm bed, human companionship and love over a lonely life in a cage.

Please do not support this cruel and misleading petition.

Sincerely,



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