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Dear President Kendall and Members of the Board:

I am aware that at the request of the board's Enforcement Committee, the California Medical Veterinary Board will be having additional discussions on the issue of animal rehabilitation at your hearing this month. I am writing to encourage the board to continue to move forward with its efforts to assess the effectiveness and safety of animal rehabilitation services.

It is clear to me from the contacts that my office has received, that there is a growing demand for these services from animal owners in my district. The three year pilot project adopted by the board at your January hearing will provide the proper forum for studying the effectiveness and safety of this treatment.

As this matter is considered further at your April hearing, I would respectfully encourage the board's recommitment to the process that was adopted in January. It is only through such a comprehensive study that the interested parties will be able to adequately assess these services. I would hope as well, that the board will use this study period as an opportunity to work collaboratively with the Physical Therapy Board to begin developing a regulatory framework for overseeing and licensing animal rehabilitation therapists, should the studies confirm its safety and effectiveness.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my thoughts on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Hannah-Beth Jackson

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