



April 28, 2009

The Honorable Dean Florez  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 313  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: SB 250 – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED**

Dear Senator Florez:

The State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind opposes SB 250 unless it exempts from its provisions guide dogs in training and breeder stock from licensed guide dog schools. Guide dog schools currently pay for dog licenses and should not have to pay an additional fee for unaltered dogs for their breeding stock to produce guide dogs for the visually impaired. We appreciate your consideration of this exemption.

Should you have any questions regarding our position, please feel free to contact me at (916) 574-7825. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Antonette Sorrick*

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