

SB 662

- ✓ Allows Department of Agriculture and Department of Public Safety to monitor and **censor Animal Welfare Advocates.**
- ✓ **Criminalizes Free Speech** if the government disagrees with those advocating for animal welfare.
- ✓ No other advocacy group is monitored by a governmental agency on its advocacy work with law enforcement – **only animal welfare organizations are discriminated against in this bill.**
- ✓ Every animal welfare organization that conducts training for law enforcement in the state has voluntarily provided their training materials to the sponsor's office in an effort to provide **Full Transparency – no problems were reported so why the need for this legislation?**
- ✓ All animal welfare training programs already have oversight or third party certification or are conducted by experienced law enforcement officials.
- ✓ This legislation is a slap in the face to animal welfare professionals and every citizen of the state who cares about animals.
- ✓ This is the first step towards **government control of those who advocate for animals.**
- ✓ The Department of Agriculture is currently ignoring state laws protecting animals and is refusing to refer animal abusers to the Attorney General's Office for legal action. **You can be assured that the Department of Agriculture will attempt to silence animal advocates who criticize the Department for its lax enforcement efforts.**
- ✓ This bill was introduced to address a problem that does not exist and was motivated by a fabricated story intended to discredit the training of Boone County Animal Control Officers.
- ✓ Department of Public Safety admits, "No one at DPS would be considered an expert in investigating animal abuse cases".
- ✓ Problems with enforcement of animal laws is the **lack of training – not poor training.** More training should be encouraged instead of setting up unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles with criminal penalties. **Criminalization of training will only serve to decrease training efforts.**