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Dear Bett,

I'm very sorry that you're disappointed in Best Friends' position on Oreo's Law. I assure you that the motivation wasn't at all political but driven by our mission and philosophy. We did not actively act against the bill now known as Oreo's Law and we are strongly in support of shelter access. I have included both statements with your letter.

I hope you will look particularly at the section which explains our concern about the shelter access part of the proposed bill. We had questions about the potential denial of access to very capable individual and group rescues and the inclusion and ability of people who might have unscrupulous motives to access animals as the bill was written.

Central to our values is the belief that we can only achieve No More Homeless Pets together by focusing on what we can accomplish together and not focusing attention on blame and infighting. When we do that, we undermine all of the work that each of us is doing to save the animals. People in animal welfare have very strong opinions, a product of their passion for saving the animals. If however, we can agree to set aside our differences and work together, far more animals will benefit now and in the future.

Regards,

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