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I am writing you today on behalf of Virginia Chapter of The Wildlife Society, an organization of professional wildlife biologists working to conserve Virginia's wildlife. We are greatly concerned with HB 1727 as written and encourage you to review the attached information before casting your vote this Wednesday.

Trap-Neuter-Return program activities like those legalized by this legislation may be well-intentioned, but will have a negative impact on native wildlife species through direct predation and transmission of disease. The [attached documents](#) provide numerous references to peer-reviewed studies documenting the negative impact that free-ranging cats have on birds and mammals in our state.

Please take a moment to review these documents and understand that consequences of increasing the number of free-ranging cats in Virginia. **We request that you vote NO on HB 1727**, or at minimum, require more detailed regulations related to this practice. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,

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