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MEMORANDUM

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Date: November 16, 2021

Subject: Letter of Assurance for the Periodic Review of Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the

Establishment of the Dangerous Dog Registry [2 VAC 5 - 620]

I have reviewed the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services' proposed Periodic Review of Regulations Pertaining to the Establishment of the Dangerous Dog Registry [2 VAC 5 - 620].

In my view, the Board may conduct this periodic review and retain the regulation with no changes pursuant to § 3.2-6501.1 of the *Code of Virginia*. The existing regulations do not appear, on their face, to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with federal or state law currently in effect.

This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits of the proposed regulations.