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Please consider my OPPOSITION to this legislation as it would restrict certain lawful activities in which dogs are used. As a member of several beagle clubs in Maine, we are allowed to run dogs in MDIFW licensed training areas where dogs are trained and conditioned for field trial and hunting activities. The dogs are consistently barking and passage of this bill would inhibit a legal activity sanctioned by one of the State's own offices. In addition, this legislation would also restrict protection of property and protection of farm animals by dogs; restrict the use of sled dogs by mushers and restrict other sporting dogs, all of which bark constantly while engaging in their trained activities. The State needs to recognize the impact this legislation would have on recreational activities involving dogs and vote to decline passage of this legislation.