



**Irish Wolfhound Club of America, Inc.**

6 April 2009

The Honorable **Representative Garnet Coleman**

**Chair:** Texas House County Affairs Committee

Sent via email

**Subject: OPPOSE Texas H.B. 1982**

Dear Chairman Coleman and Committee Members;

I am writing in behalf of the Irish Wolfhound Club of America (IWCA) Legislative Committee. The IWCA is a non-profit organization and a member of the American Kennel Club.

The IWCA is opposed to Texas H.B. 1982. Texas H.B. 1982, as currently proposed, is a misguided bill, containing unreasonable, biased requirements and regulations. Areas of concern include:

- Vague definition of 'vicious dog'
- Presumption that dogs are, by nature, 'vicious'
- Dogs can be seized without escaping or biting a person or animal.
- Requirements that all residents of a city with a population of 1 million or more people keep any dog that weighs over 40 pounds on a leash in immediate control of a person, or kept inside a residence or a secure enclosure

As such, the IWCA, on behalf of its membership, many of whom are residents of Texas, respectfully urges you to vote "NO" when HB 0198 comes before the Texas House County Affairs Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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