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Hello Marilyn

I understand that Bylaw 349 will come up for discussion at the March 28 Council meeting due to negative feedback from both consumers and businesses. Attached is a letter from retailer PetSmart. The letter outlines the negative implications of this bylaw to their grooming services. This example is consistent with what other businesses that provide grooming services will experience in the City of Toronto.

On behalf of retailers that provide grooming services in Toronto, Retail Council of Canada supports PetSmart's position and request that grooming services be exempt from the provisions of the bylaw. Grooming services are provided in a safe and secure environment to ensure that both the pet and the employee are safe during grooming activity. If the current version of the bylaw was to continue grooming services would be negatively impacted.

We believe it was not the City's intent to prevent grooming activities to be done in a safe manner and therefore request that the bylaw be amended to exempt grooming services as soon as possible. If you have any questions about this issue please contact me at your convenience. Please circulate to City Councillors this email and letter.

Thanks for your assistance in this matter.

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