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COALITION TO ABOLISH METCALF-HATCH

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Dear Animal Rights Colleague:

The Legislative Gazette (5/14/79) said, "For the first time in 27 years, New Yorkers may see the day when unwanted impounded animals will not be used for experimentation." Repeal of Metcalf Hatch finally reached the Senate floor, and we won by an overwhelming 44 to 13 vote.

We're making history and bringing animal rights into politics, together, we won the Senate vote. Now, we urgently need a massive, powerful and immediate outpouring of pressure on Governor Carey to sign Repeal into law.

To send mailgrams, call, toll free, 800-257-2211 Western Union and telegraph a 15 word public opinion message, for \$2, Address: Governor Hugh Carey, Executive Chambers, Albany, NY 12224.

Here are sample messages:

- Fulfill your election pledge, please sign Repeal of Metcalf Hatch into law.
- Metcalf Hatch violates shelters public trust, please sign Repeal of Metcalf Hatch into law.
- Metcalf Hatch is useless and immoral, please...
- Metcalf Hatch is inconsistent with modern research, please...
- Metcalf Hatch creates problems for shelters, please...
- The enormous pet owning constituency urges you please...

We can't rest until we undo the evil of the Metcalf Hatch Act which promotes ever more animal suffering.

The Associated Press reported: "Animal lovers have won a major victory in their long drive to repeal" Metcalf Hatch. And the Troy Times Record said "The Repeal bill which has been seen by animal rights groups as a symbol of protest against animal experimenters passed the Senate by 44 to 13."

Repeal is now awaiting action in the Assembly which previously passed it and is expected to do so again. It must then be signed into law by Governor Carey; whose current attitude is not known. He pledged support for repeal during his 1974 campaign, but is now under enormous pressure from the profiteers of lab animal agony. And we need a major effort to counter these ghoulish special interests.

We are urging Governor Carey to:

- Support an issue of elementary rights and justice. Publicly supported shelters should not be forced to surrender animals in their care to laboratories.
- Honor his campaign commitment.
- Be responsive to the massive humane community which is solidly united for Repeal of Metcalf Hatch and is reinforced, almost unanimously, by the general electorate.

Send mailgrams, write, phone and visit Governor Carey.

He's being paid to represent us. And this includes listening to us on issues of wide concern and strong feelings.

Governor Hugh Carey, Executive Chambers, Albany, NY 12224, 518-474-8390. In NYC, 1350 Sixth Avenue, 10th floor, NYC 10019, 212-977-2700 or 2720.

Contact contributors to political campaigns, your favorite columnist, reporter, broadcaster, talk-show host. Pressure your political/community group to contact Carey.

With our united energies reaching Carey, we will win! The lab animals are crying, and we who hear them, won't let them down. As a first step we must Repeal the evil Metcalf Hatch Act, NOW!