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FW: What-to-expect-when-considering-BSL

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From: Melvin and Carol [mailto:mlmille@cox.net]
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Mr. Timothy Madison
President of the Bexley Ohio City Council

Dear Mr. Madison,

My name is Carol Miller, I am an Ohio resident and the survivor of a pit bull attack that occurred in 2007. In the spirit of full disclosure, I am also a Board Member of Dogsbite.org, active with Daxton's Friends for Canine Education, and National Pit Bull Victims Awareness.org.

Your community bans pit bulls so you don't have a local resident able to speak to the issues currently facing your city council. Please allow me to share a few thoughts. As I understand it, pit bull advocates have appeared in your council chambers in the past to demand an end to your proactive public safety law. They were unsuccessful but have returned with a new approach. This is very predictable. Every community that regulates pit bulls sees the same tactics. I have attached a lengthy document that explains the process. The document was produced in a joint effort between Dogsbite.org and Daxton's Friends for Canine Education, both 501c3 organizations dedicated to public safety by regulating dangerous dogs.

I hope you will take the time to read this material and get an overview of the very political process unfolding in your city. Per news reports, the current ploy is "We got this dog and had no idea that it is a pit bull. Change the law to suit us." This is a set up hoping to appeal to the kindness of your city council members. The protocols for what you will see in Bexley were written in Utah and appear in the same formats in communities across the United States.

Those who will appear at your City Council meetings are, by an overwhelming percentage, not local residents. Local law is local business and non-local activists have no part in the law-making process in Bexley. Per news sources, your actual constituents are not pleased with the prospect of opening up the community to pit bulls. Fences do not contain them.

Training will not change their DNA. Insurance will not make the victims whole. In my own case, the owners of the pit bull had insurance as was required by state law at that time. My immediate medical bills were covered but my pain and medical needs are ongoing. Survivors do not get their pleasant and peaceful lives back. Our lives are changed forever.

Please prioritize the safety and welfare of Bexley residents over the demands of the well-organized and well-funded pit bull lobby. If they achieve their goal in your city they will move on to the next without a backward glance. Your residents will pay their own medical bills, hospital, surgical, and rehab, until their money runs out. Insurance is no longer required by Ohio law. Once the victim's money is gone Medicaid may cover some bills but Medicaid does not cover plastic surgery so the survivors of maulings wear their scars forever. Your city will foot the bill for first responders. Life Flight is VERY expensive and that cost likely falls to the victim.

As the survivor of a pit bull attack, I urge the Bexley City council to retain their current proactive public safety law. Keep your breed ban.

We do have someone who is willing to speak to your city council on this issue. Please give me a date and time.

If you have questions on anything concerning the current effort to end the breed ban in Bexley, please contact me. I will be happy to explain it.

Sincerely,

Carol Miller

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