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Representatives Elinette González Aguayo and Emilio Carlo Acosta
Numero 1, El Capitolio, Plaza de la Democracia,
San Juan, PR 00901

Dear Representatives González Aguayo and Carlo Acosta,

Alley Cat Allies would like to extend our congratulations on the recent chamber passage of P.C. 1192. We especially appreciate the inclusion of Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) within the primary framework. TNR is the only humane, effective approach to community cats, or unowned cats who live outdoors, and we are heartened to see policy that recognizes and supports Puerto Rico's cat community members.

Founded in 1990, Alley Cat Allies is the leader of the global movement to protect and improve the lives of cats. As the leading advocacy organization for cats, we work with lawmakers, shelters, and the public toward humane, nonlethal, and effective laws and policies that serve the best interests of cats and the communities in which they live.

As you may know, Alley Cat Allies has advocated for and served both cats and caregivers in Puerto Rico for years. We have worked closely with local organizations like Save A Gato, advocates, and veterinarians to protect the community cats of the Paseo del Morro from lethal removal by the U.S. National Park Service.

Additionally, in collaboration with advocates and Puerto Rico leaders like Congressman Pablo José Hernández, we are helping lay the groundwork for expanded TNR, educational initiatives, and access to veterinary care and essentials such as cat food. Since last month, our team has also been on the ground providing urgent aid to cats and their caregivers during the ongoing drought and water crisis.

We care deeply about Puerto Rico's cats and the people who love and care for them, and we recognize this bill's potential to further strengthen protections for them through proven programs like TNR.

The positive language and humane objectives outlined in P.C.1192 are encouraging. If enacted, we hope municipalities across Puerto Rico will establish and operate these offices with compassion and integrity. Alley Cat Allies offers our guidance and expertise to those establishing an office to help improve the lives of *all* cats in Puerto Rico. If you have any questions or would like to meet with our team, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Maggie Slezak, *Research and Community Change Manager*
Alley Cat Allies