

TO: Members of the CGA Higher Education Committee  
FROM: Christian Proietto  
RE: HB 6292  
DATE: February 10, 2009

I write to urge your support for the contracted Connecticut veterinary students at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University. I am one of these students. I cannot tell you how helpful it is to receive funding from my home state to pursue my dream. Due to the poor economy, it is possible that we may lose this funding. After school, I plan on moving back to Connecticut to pursue small and large animal medicine (mixed animal medicine).

Veterinarians play a vital role in society by maintaining public health and preventing the outbreak or spread of disease. Besides the 5 contract students, 7 other CT non-contract veterinary students attend Iowa State, giving these students access to an out-of-state veterinary school, which would have been extremely hard to gain acceptance into school without the original attraction of the contract seats. We know it is not likely that the bill will pass, but there is nothing else we can do besides urge our homesteads support. We all urge your support to continue the CT veterinary student contract at Iowa State University!

It means the world to us, the future and foundation of health in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

Christian Proietto