



*Connecticut Dog Federation*  
32 Parker Road, Somers, Ct. 06071

March 5, 2009

The Honorable Thomas P. Gaffey and  
The Honorable Andrew M. Fleischmann  
Connecticut General Assembly  
**Committee on Education**

**Dear Co-Chairs,**

**I am writing on behalf of the Connecticut Dog Federation {CDF}, A statewide organization which consists of thirty seven Kennel Clubs recognized by the American Kennel Club. We have a membership of over fifteen hundred Connecticut voters and their families. Our members are pet owners, dog breeders, dog judges, professional handlers, exhibitors, and veterinarians**  
**PLEASE note our opposition to Proposed Bill No. 5737**  
**AN ACT CONCERNING HUMANE EDUCATION.**

**This bill while it sounds nice and benign is an” A BOMB.”**

**As dedicated dog owners, our members have for years been going to the local camps, such as the Channel 3, The Burn, as well as monthly to St. Francis Hospital educating the youngsters about the different breeds of**

**dogs, their various characteristic and animal husbandry. We have contacted many schools in the Hartford area about such a program. Each and every one has stated "there just is not enough time in the school day for such a program".**

**My sister has two great grand children living in California who are veggins. Why? A seemingly harmless program as described in this act was enacted there. It turned out to be run by PETA. It gave an open platform for these individuals to inflict serious emotional influence on these young minds to the point they disobeyed their parents as far as their eating habits were concerned**

**Please oppose this bill.**

**Sincerely**

*Edward F. Lyons*  
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