

To whom it may concern,

I strongly support passing the dissection bill which will allow students to opt out of dissecting animals at school. When I attended high school, I took a class called anatomy & physiology where we studied both human and animal systems. During part of the course, we had to dissect a fetal pig. I objected to this because I do not believe that it's necessary to dissect a real animal when there are many outstanding, interactive media sources that allow students to learn about the parts of an animal without having to tear apart a dead body. I spoke with the dean of students and fought my case until finally, they reluctantly allowed me to use an interactive CD on the computer to learn about the fascinating body of a baby pig.

It is important to give our children options so they can learn without compromising their personal beliefs about what is ethical and what is not.

This bill will allow students to voice their opinions without being patronized and will give them the opportunity to partake in certain classes where dissection usually prevented their participation.

Thank you,

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