

MEMORANDUM

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RE: Support of HB 5423

Please vote in favor of An Act Concerning Dissection Choice (HB5423). HB5423 would place Connecticut in line with 15 other states that have passed similar laws and resolutions that create more inclusive learning environments for students and encourage the integration of educationally-superior, humane learning methods in science curricula.

Animals used for dissection often have an inhumane existence in the process of being captured, transported and ultimately killed. There are common, readily available, ethical alternatives to animals frequently used in classroom dissection exercises. Educational curricula should foster environmental stewardship and compassion for life; dissection encourages neither; animal life is devalued and treated as expendable. Please give our students in Connecticut with ethical, religious or other objections to harming animals the choice to opt out of animal dissections and experiments in their classrooms.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.