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Testimony Re: HB 5423 *AN ACT CONCERNING DISSECTION CHOICE.*

Good afternoon I am Rep. Diana Urban of the 43rd District and I am here to testify on
HB 5423 *AN ACT CONCERNING DISSECTION CHOICE.*

Technology supplies us with many options. There are computer models that are an excellent substitute for animal dissection and experimentation. Utilization of this available technology serves to not only teach students about the subject at hand but also increase their skills and comfort level with computers. In addition, these computer models can be used multiple times and would actually save the school District money in the long run.

Allowing students to make a choice recognizes and respects each student's feeling on dissection and experimentation. Many schools have a de facto policy on dissection choice, by putting this in statute we confirm the desirability of choice and send a message to the students that they can make this choice without fear of reprisal in grades or possible ridicule.

I ask the Committee to favorably report out HB 5423