

HB 5041

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To: Rep. Urban, Diana
Subject: Cross-reporting with DCF

Dear Rep. Urban -

On behalf of the 132 members of the Senators Community Foundation, I am writing to thank you for sponsoring a bill that calls for cross-reporting between DCF caseworkers and animal control officers. As you know, the Senators Community Foundation is a program of the Center for Youth Leadership, which is based at Brien McMahon High in Norwalk.

Cross-reporting is one of the major child abuse social change items that our members have been promoting with local and state-wide officials. In fact, we're hosting a meeting on Friday with the animal control officer in Norwalk and a caseworker from the DCF office in Norwalk-Stamford. Would you believe that the animal control officer has never met with DCF caseworkers in his 23 years on the job?

The purpose of the meeting is the implementation of a cross-reporting and cross-training initiative in Norwalk-Stamford. We know this is a process; something that will take time to implement county-wide. But it's an important step if we're going to make change happen. I will keep you posted on developments.

Thanks for your support of such an important issue. Bob

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