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I'm writing to you today as a senior from Naugatuck High School. This semester I am taking Human Anatomy and in this course there are many dissections such as a fetal pig and a sheep brain. I, along with the Naugatuck Animal Rights Club, feel dissection should not be required and students should not be penalized for not wishing to partake in it. Dissecting an animal or part of an animal goes against my beliefs and I am not alone. Other students like myself believe that mutilating an animal or part of one is very unethical. Also, both the National Science Teachers Association and the National Association of Biology Teachers support dissection choice policies. There are many cheaper alternatives such as doing virtual dissections on a computer or showing models in class. The money that could be saved may be put toward other school funds. Giving students the choice to opt out of a dissection and giving them an alternative would be greatly appreciated