

Ms. Giannaros,

I want to express my support for the complete abolishment of classroom dissection in Connecticut. As a step in that direction, I support the dissection choice legislation under consideration next week.

Technology has made the cruel practice of dissection unnecessary for all but, perhaps, high school honors biology majors who are seriously considering a career in medicine. I have personally seen the simulation software that is available and it is clearly sufficient for the purpose of general biology education. If for no other reason, Connecticut should ban or limit dissection to save money, which is in short supply these days.

I feel that Connecticut should be a leader on this issue and ban dissection altogether. If not, we should at least follow the lead of states like Massachusetts and New York and let student opt out without a penalty.

Sincerely,

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