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Dear Ms. Giannaros,

I am writing with regard to HB5530. I am a medical doctor in CT and went to med school at NYMC (class of 2004). I remember as medical students that our instructors would use dogs (perfectly healthy dogs) to illustrate physiology of the circulatory system. I did have a great interest in this topic and it is important for any doctor to understand these concepts, but using the dogs did not add any value or benefit to what I was learning. At that time, the school did not give us another option for how to learn these concepts, but some enterprising and compassionate students organized their own teaching sessions, and from what I heard from the other students who took advantage of this alternative, the learning experience was just as useful and enriching.

Other than human dissections (for which there is no substitute), animal dissections and experimentation did not add any additional benefit to what I learned. Therefore, I am putting my support behind HB5530.

Thank you for your time.

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