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Senator Stillman, Representative Fleischmann and Distinguished Members of the Committee:

I am State Senator Michael McLachlan, and I am here today to speak in favor of House Bill 6320, *An Act Concerning the Inclusion of Humane Education in the Public School Curriculum.*

This legislation would encourage the inclusion of humane education in the curriculum of our public schools, as well as during in-training services for teachers and educators.

Such a bill is important to ensure that our children learn to appreciate and care for others. Sadly, too many people today are victims of truly heinous and violent crimes that are many times preventable. This legislation would teach children how to properly care for others and will aid in the prevention of future acts of violence. The only way that we will be able to successfully curb and eventually prevent the inhumane treatment of people is to show the future generations how they should treat others.

Additionally, this educational provision would teach children about the human treatment of animals. Often times, animals are left abandoned, abused and close to death because of owners who have not treated them properly. It is important for future generations to know how to treat animals, to prevent such acts from happening again.

I urge the committee to support House Bill 6320, in order to preserve respect for living things for the generations to come.

Thank you,

Michael A. McLachlan
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