

I am writing in support of HB5530 and I am asking you to please support HB5330 for animals and for children in Connecticut.

As the parent of a compassionate child, I firmly believe that children should have the choice to learn the academic material without being forced to dissect animals. I am saddened to know that students currently do not have any recourse and can be ridiculed by their peers and their teachers, too. It is unfair to ask a child turn against their convictions regarding the value of animals lives.

In a world of conflict and violence, we already have too many crimes against those who cannot speak for themselves. The lives of thinking, feeling, sensitive, intelligent animals are precious; as are the lives of our children, who are being asked to commit horribly cruel acts in the name of science (i.e. dissection).

Right now, many other states have already adopted dissection choice policies and it's essential that Connecticut joins this modern pedagogy. There are already superior teaching alternatives to dissection which the National Science Teachers Association and the National Association of Biology Teachers already support.

Please do the right thing for our students and for the conscience of Connecticut. Please support HB5330.

Thank you,
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