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To: Giannaros, Elizabeth
Subject:

To whom it may concern,

I am emailing you in regards to the new law that could be passed having to do with not forcing children to dissect animals in school. This year I'm taking a Human Anatomy course and later in the course I'm required to dissect a fetal pig. If I had a choice, I would rather do an online dissection than dissect the real thing because it goes against my beliefs and morals. I do not think that I should be forced into doing something that I don't agree with and if I choose not to do it, my grade will be affected. I shouldn't have to get a bad grade just because I don't agree with dissection and it's being forced upon me.

It also costs money every year to purchase the animals and with a computer program online, it'll cost less money. Without having to buy new fetal pigs each year, schools will have extra money to spend on supplies that are more necessary. There are safer, more humane ways if it really is necessary to see the inside of an animal such as videos or computer programs which are just as informative as the real thing.

Dissection could also be mentally scarring for some students and if they're forced to do it, it could cause psychological problems. Having to cut open a dead animal, something that was once a living, breathing being just like a person, and not getting the opportunity to make our own choices as to whether or not we want to dissect goes against a person's rights as an American.

By passing this law, you will give students all over Connecticut the chance to choose what they want and don't want to do. Please consider all the points I've made when making your decision as to whether or not to pass this law.

Sincerely,
Megan Carlson and the Naugatuck High School Animal Rights Club.