

## **Testimony Concerning Raised Bill 5446**

### **Jenine Moscové**

I would like to thank the Environment Committee for the opportunity to express my support of Raised Bill, 5446, AN ACT CONCERNING THE PAYMENT PROCEDURE FOR THE STERILIZATION AND VACCINATION OF CERTAIN DOGS AND CATS AND PROVIDING FOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER TRAINING.

I am a registered voter in Avon, Connecticut. I love animals and care about their welfare. In my life I have rescued countless abandoned animals. I have also spent a lot time and money trapping, neutering/spaying, vaccinating and releasing feral cats. If more animals were spayed and neutered, less of them would be abandoned and have to suffer. The shameful thing is that Connecticut, the richest per capita state in the United States, does not even have a low cost spay and neuter clinic. I received help from a privately funded animal welfare organization and had to drive to Massachusetts to a low cost clinic (an excellent facility in Springfield) in order to be able to afford to have all the cats spayed, neutered and vaccinated. Any bill that would enable for more animals to be sterilized and vaccinated would be a tremendous step forward in animal welfare.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify and I do hope you will strongly support this important piece of legislation.

Thank you,

Jenine Moscové  
83 Secret Lake Road  
Avon CT 06001  
jtmoscove@yahoo.com