

Testimony Concerning Raised Bill 5446
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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 Andover CT and this is only one example of why I feel more is needed .

A personal example of how I see how more support for Raised Bill 5446 is:

- *Ferrell cats in the neighborhood who we sometimes cannot help and, when we are able to catch them, it ends up that one person sometimes takes on the financial responsibility of having these animals neutered and vaccinated before release. This is too much for anyone, which dissuades folks from giving this problem their best attempt.*

I personally had two feral cats that I could not trap, but all I could do was keep them alive by feeding them during the tragically cold days/nights. I did eventually hear that they came to a bad end. We have been lucky that this winter was kinder.

I think it should not be incumbent only upon individuals, but that Animal Control Officers be enabled/funded to help with this effort.

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

Thank you,

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