

Testimony Concerning SB 253
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I would like to thank the Environmental Committee for the opportunity to express my views on SB253, An Act Concerning Revisions to the Animal Importation Statutes

I am the President of Blind Dog Rescue Alliance. Requiring multiple veterinary visits is burdensome on foster homes, who have jobs, families, and dogs of their own to care for. It is also an unnecessary expense to rescues that are already financially struggling.

We have adopted several dogs to wonderful homes in Connecticut in the past. However, with the existing law we have had to refuse applicants in CT. We have also had to turn down foster homes in CT, meaning we can save fewer blind and visually impaired dogs.

Please consider supporting SB 253, which will require animals to be seen by a veterinarian without causing undue hardship.

Thank you for your time and attention,

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