

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

I am a registered voter in Danbury CT, and I am a volunteer of PawSafe Animal Rescue.

At PawSafe we work very hard to do the very best we can for the animals in our care. The puppies/dogs have extensive medical care, including spay/neuter and micro chipping. They all have valid health certificates prior to transport .

The changes to the law have drastically curtailed our operation in Connecticut by making the cost for most people who want to rescue an animal out of reach . The notifications to both the state and local regulatory authorities are not only limiting but eliminating families that are willing to foster. PawSafe's method of prescreening applicants prior to the events is an attempt to minimize the duration hold time while the new regulation extends that period and increases cost.

A more effective piece of legislation would be to require low cost spaying and neutering.

Thank you,

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