

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 Avon, and I am a local business owner.

We have created an environment in which animals have become a nuisance and are neglected. It's our duty to help control animal populations especially of feral cats through spay and release programs.

There was a community of feral cats that live near our office. A mother cat and her kittens made their home behind some bushes on our businesses back patio. We tried to call animal control or other organizations to help us trap and spay this mother and her kittens. This same mother cat had 3 litters of kittens in a year and a half and no one was able to help us spay this rapidly growing community of cats. This large feral cat population attracted much larger prey to the area. Needless to say, we need to help encourage wild animals to be able to remain in the wild and be responsible to help control populations of 'domestic species' that are living in the wild because at some point they have or their parents where abandoned by a human being.

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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