

## **Testimony Concerning SB 253**

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

I am a registered voter in Bristol CT, and I am a foster parent and transport driver.

Although I understand the desire to stop unscrupulous people who bring animals into CT and adopt them out from the back of a truck, with no regard to the animals health or to the type of people who take the animals, the law needs to be amended to consider the small rescues who really care about the dogs and saving their lives. The small rescues that I work with only have a few dogs in their rescue at a time and only bring a new dog up when they have found a good home for one of the ones they have. They bring a dog up to save him or her from death. They are extremely careful about who adopts each animal, checking vet references and doing home visits to ensure the placement is the best for the dog and the family so that it is a lifetime adoption. They do not profit from their actions – they only want to save animals one at a time. The expenses required by the law as it is now written make it impossible for these small rescues to survive.

We have 3 rescued dogs in our home and 2 came from out of state. I have also participated in transporting dogs that have been adopted by friends and relatives of mine. Our lives would all be greatly lessened without Bailey, without Onnie Without Molly without Sweet Sue And so many others .... ..

All of them dogs that be dead today if not for CT rescues .... But instead are bringing great joy to their families and are having happy loved lives.

**I strongly urge you to support these changes which will help lessen the hardships of caring rescues and by doing so will help save lives.**

Thank you,  
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