

Testimony Concerning SB 253

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I am a registered voter in Cheshire and want to express my support of SB 253, An Act Concerning Revisions to the Animal Importation Statutes. I am an active member of Our Companions Domestic Animal Sanctuary and of Connecticut Votes for Animals. I am very passionate about protecting animals and feel strongly that we need to advocate for animals and the organizations that care about animal rescue.

I hope you will give this bill the support that it so deserves so that responsible individuals and rescue groups may continue their work without the financial and logistical burden of multiple veterinary exams. This is an unfair treatment of people who are trying to help animals out of the states that do not have the same protections and general concern for animals as we do. Not supporting this bill is the wrong thing to do. Everyone recognizes that it is important for the protection of animals and people to have regulations on imported rescue animals. Placing unfair burdens on the responsible people providing rescue services and saving lives just makes no sense. Connecticut municipalities don't even require so much as a rabies vaccination or health care exams, before dogs and cats leave our town shelters. Connecticut needs to have more accountability for our state's own shelters.

I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS BILL WHICH WILL HELP ALLEVIATE HARDSHIPS ON CONCERNED AND CARING CITIZENS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE WORKING TO PROTECT AND RESCUE ANIMALS.

As a member of Our Companions Domestic Animal Sanctuary and Connecticut Votes for Animals, I greatly appreciate your support on this most important bill!

Very Sincerely Yours,

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