

I am writing to support the Dissection Choice Bill. While it has been many years since I was in school, I wish I had had this option when I was in high school. I remember how upsetting it was to me to be forced to cut into a dead animal.

Giving students a Dissection choice will provide them with the opportunity to participate in biology education activities without participating in methods that involve the killing of animals, allowing students to learn without violating their ethical beliefs. Dissection alternatives have also been shown to teach anatomy and biology as well as or better than dissection. This fact is supported by the over 90% of medical schools (including Harvard, Yale, Columbia, and Stanford) who have eliminated animal-based methods in teaching. Computer-based methods and anatomical simulators are already being used for teaching everything from basic physiology to hands-on trauma care and even microsurgical techniques.

I urge you to please pass this bill.

Thank you.

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