

Testimony Concerning Raised Bill 5446
Paula Fischer, Our Companions Volunteer and Former Board Member

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 West Hartford, CT, and I am an avid volunteer and supporter of Our Companions Domestic Animal Sanctuary. I am also a member for CT Votes for Animals because I believe in animal rights and want to be a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves but deserve love and respect.

I have read and seen on the news too many cases of animal abuse and hoarding (too painful to even describe in detail) which are brought to the attention of animal control officers. In most of these cases, the animals that are found are neglected, sick and in need of immediate medical attention and care. Animal Control Officer training is absolutely necessary and should be mandatory for the proper treatment of our animal friends and is supported by progressive Animal Control Officers throughout the state who greatly want to professionalize the field. The ability to vaccinate and spay/neuter animals before their release from the shelter is also widely supported. It's just plain irresponsible that our animals are being release unsterilized.

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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