

**Testimony Concerning HB 5836**  
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I would like to thank the Environment Committee for the opportunity to express my support of HB 5836:AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING FOR THE VACCINATION, STERILIZATION AND HEART WORM TESTING OF DOGS AND CATS OWNED BY LOW INCOME PERSONS OR ADOPTED FROM MUNICIPAL OR REGIONAL SHELTERS.

I am a registered voter in Stafford Springs, CT.

Please support HB 5836, it's important for all dogs and cats, regardless of the economic status of their owners, or the shelter they're temporarily residing in, to have adequate medical care. Vaccines help reduce horrible, preventable illnesses in the overall cat/dog population, and maybe someday eliminate some of these diseases completely. Sterilization helps reduce their astronomical numbers, plus gives a more comfortable life to animals when they're not faced with the burden of continual pregnancies. These are extremely important, basic medical needs that should be given to all our cats and dogs.

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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