

**Testimony Concerning [5844]
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Private Citizen and Dog Owner**

I would like to thank the Environment Committee for the opportunity to express my support of #5844 tethering of dogs outdoors.

I am a registered voter in Bridgeport and I am a volunteer with numerous rescues in the area.

It is heartbreaking to me to drive around the city and surrounding towns and see dogs Tied or chained up outside in the freezing cold, rain or extremely hot weather. This has to stop and people should be accountable for taking care of their pets humanely. Why would the lawmakers allow this to happen. Why have a dog if it is to be tied or chained up All day and night.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify and I do hope you will strongly support this important piece of legislation.

Thank you,

Jill Cruikshank
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