

Testimony Concerning HB5844
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I would like to thank the Environment Committee for the opportunity to express my support of HB5844 .

I am a registered voter in Bloomfield, and I am a volunteer at Our Companions

We are the stewards of our environment and make daily choices. I am a seventy year old woman and animals have always a part of my life. I have had dogs since I was a small child. Dogs, as all animals, particularly domesticated animals, need lots of love, protection and our respect. They need a safe environment, food, water and exercise.

I have seen animals left on ropes and chains tied up alone in backyards standing in their own excrement and without water dishes in the blazing hot sun and in the freezing cold of winter. These animals need a voice and I am writing this on behalf of them. The love, affection and companionship they offer us enhances our lives.

Certainly we can afford to improve the lives of these animals, remove them from threatening situations, if need be but give them an environment where the necessities of life are available to them. Bill HB 5844 can be the steward for improving their life.

I am asking consideration to make that happen.

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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