

**Testimony Concerning HB 5844**  
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I would like to thank the environment committee for the opportunity to express my support of Bill # 5844, AN ACT CONCERNING THE OVERNIGHT TETHERING OF DOGS OUTDOORS AND THE TETHERING OF DOGS OUTDOORS UNDER CERTAIN WEATHER CONDITIONS.

I am a registered voter in Manchester, and I am a volunteer for CT Votes for Animals. (CVA)

During the last two legislative sessions I had constituent meetings at my home for my State Rep. and State Senator for them to be aware of CVA and the bills we were working on, as rights of animal welfare is extremely important to me.

I had a neighbor who has since moved that chained their dog day and night outside, the poor thing cried and barked incessantly and many of us neighbors called the owners and police many times to try and do something about this, unfortunately there was not much they could do. My heart ached each and every time I heard him.

As you recall CT has been hit very recently with cold, storms and many out of power for days. No one was happy and we humans complained a lot when we were cold and inconvenienced. How can we complain about our condition, but give no attention to the creatures that do not get choices to change their situation.

Please give this the attention and the votes it needs and help animals live in peace under the protection of strong laws.

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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