



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY  
OF THE UNITED STATES**

Page 1 of 1

March 15, 2013

Eric L. Bernthal, Esq.  
*Chair of the Board*

Jennifer Leaning, M.D., S.M.H.  
*Vice Chair*

Kathleen M. Linehan, Esq.  
*Board Treasurer*

Wayne Pacelle  
*President & CEO*

Michael Markarian  
*Chief Program & Policy Officer*

Laura Maloney  
*Chief Operating Officer*

G. Thomas Waite III  
*Treasurer & CFO*

Andrew N. Rowan, Ph.D.  
*Chief International Officer  
& Chief Scientific Officer*

Roger A. Kindler  
*General Counsel  
Vice President & CLO*

Janet D. Frake  
*Secretary*

Environment Committee  
Room 3200, Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106  
(860) 240-0440

Re: **SUPPORT** of **HB 5844**, AAC the overnight tethering of dogs outdoors and the tethering of dogs outdoors under certain weather conditions

Dear Co-Chair Meyer, Co-Chair Gentile, and Honorable Members of the Environment Committee,

On behalf of the Connecticut supporters of The Humane Society of the United States, I submit this letter in **SUPPORT** of **HB 5844**, which would strengthen existing law by ensuring that dogs who are tethered have appropriate shelter and relief from temperature extremes.

Inappropriate tethering threatens the dog's health and well-being, as well as the safety of other animals and humans. As social animals, dogs need regular interactions with their family. Dogs left chained up in a yard go through periods of boredom, loneliness, and isolation, which eventually can lead to territorial and aggressive behaviors.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

**Annie Hornish**  
Connecticut State Director  
The Humane Society of the United States  
**Cell:** (860) 966-5201  
**Email:** [ahornish@humanesociety.org](mailto:ahornish@humanesociety.org)

**DIRECTORS**

Jeffrey J. Arciniaco  
Eric L. Bernthal, Esq.  
Michael J. Blackwell, D.V.M., M.P.H.  
Jerry Cesak  
James Costos  
Anita W. Coupe, Esq.  
Neil B. Fang, Esq., CPA  
Jane Greenspun Gale  
Cathy Kangas  
Jonathan D. Kaufelt, Esq.  
Paula A. Kislak, D.V.M.  
Jennifer Leaning, M.D., S.M.H.  
Kathleen M. Linehan, Esq.  
John Mackey  
Mary I. Max  
Patrick L. McDonnell  
Judy Ney  
Sharon Lee Patrick  
Judy J. Peil  
Marian G. Probst  
Jonathan M. Ratner  
Joshua S. Reichert, Ph.D.  
Walter J. Stewart, Esq.  
Andrew Weinstein  
Jason Weiss  
David O. Wiebers, M.D.  
Lona Williams