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Judiciary Committee Public Hearing Testimony

HB 6690 AN ACT CONCERNING COURT PROCEEDINGS AND THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS.

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Dear members of the Judiciary Committee, thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify IN SUPPORT of H.B. 6690.

I am sure you will agree that there is never a reason to abuse an animal. As my quote above says, when it comes to suffering and pain, we – humans and animals - are no different. There have been many cases, far too many to recall, in which animals that have been horribly abused, whether by stabbing, shooting, hanging, dragging and beating. Yet the outcomes of their cases rarely result in penalties that match the severity of the violent crime. It is a known and proven fact that people who abuse animals will also abuse children or those less able to fight back.

As a society we must take violent acts of animal cruelty seriously and we need to protect the animals during and after court proceedings.

Thank you for hearing my testimony and please support H.B. 6690.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Pugliese". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.