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Subject: Testimony for 4/5 public hearing-- SUPPORT HB 6690 (court advocates for animals)

Dear Co-Chair Coleman, Co-Chair Fox, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I wish to lend my strong support to the passing of HB 6690 and agree with the arguments being made by the Humane Society of the United States:

- Research has established strong links between violent behaviors toward humans and violent behaviors toward animals.
- Law enforcement agencies must take violence toward animals seriously; prosecutions must be encouraged.
- Having court advocates for animals would be done at no cost by enlisting volunteer representation for animals from animal welfare groups, law students, and law firms.
- Teaching humans to behave with kindness and respect toward animals will help to build a more humane society.

I add that I hope the passing of the Bill will engender educational efforts in schools and elsewhere to ensure that the moral, ethical and legal consequences of animal abuse are fully understood and appreciated.

Sincerely,

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