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Re: SUPPORT of HB 6690, AN ACT CONCERNING COURT PROCEEDINGS
AND THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS

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

On behalf of the Connecticut supporters of The Humane Society of the United States
(HSUS), I submit this letter in **SUPPORT** of **HB 6690**, which would establish a
process for appointing an advocate to investigate and advocate for the welfare or
custody of an animal that is the subject of a civil or criminal court proceeding.

Research has established that there are strong links between violent behaviors toward
humans and violent behaviors toward animals. We actively encourage law enforcement
agencies to take violence toward animals seriously and to set appropriately severe
penalties for people who are responsible for causing animals to suffer. HB 6690 will
help to facilitate animal cruelty prosecutions by ensuring appropriate representation for
the victims.

The mission of The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is to create a
humane and sustainable world for all animals—a world that will also benefit people.
We believe that teaching humans to behave with kindness and respect toward animals
will help build a more humane and better functioning civil society.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

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