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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.

Violent behavior should be treated seriously in our courts, and victims of abuse, whether human or non-human, deserve to be represented justly. Our society needs not only to speak for our voiceless creatures, but we need to take such violent acts of animal cruelty seriously, as it has been proven time and time again that cruelty to animals is a precursor to future and escalating violent behavior toward people. I also feel that with a if we make a stand to make it a crime and hold people accountable we will be able to stop more crime in the future.

I thank you for considering my testimony on this important piece of legislation.