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Re: HB 6690 – An Act Concerning Court Proceedings and the Protection of Animals

I am writing in support of HB 6990. As an animal advocate and rescuer in my home town, I am frequently made aware of animal cruelty cases in which the perpetrator is not prosecuted judiciously because only one side is allowed to speak. No one speaks for the abused animal..

In a current case in my home town, there is a fellow animal advocate who was arrested for taking an abused dog found on the street. She took it to the Vet to be treated. The dog subsequently died several weeks later but the owner is pressing charges for taking her dog, even though they did not have the financial means to care for it. During court proceedings, only the dog owner was allowed to speak. No one was allowed to speak for the poor dog and the terrible conditions it had been exposed to.

We need a voice for the voiceless. Please pass HB 6690.

Thank you.

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