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

Please accept this as my testimony (for public hearing held on 4/5/13) in **SUPPORT of HB 6690**, AAC Court proceedings and the protection of animals.

I vote, and this issue is important to me.

I support HB 6690 because:

- Research has established strong links between violent behaviors toward humans and violent behaviors toward animals. **Please see info about Michael Skakel at the end of this email from Pet-Abuse.com.**
- 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.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

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Please review the cases at Pet-Abuse.com. Michael Skakel is one of the first on this database, at first an animal abuser, then a murderer:

Michael Skakel

 **History of interpersonal violence**

Gender: Male

Approximate Age: 15

Date of Birth: Sep 19, 1960

Location: Greenwich, CT (US)

History

Oct 30, 1975 - Greenwich, CT (US)

Convicted: Killing or maiming dogs, a cat, chipmunks and squirrels

Notes:

Skakel was never tried for animal cruelty. He was convicted of murdering Martha Moxley and is in jail

Read more: [Animal Abuse: Michael Skakel - Greenwich, CT | Pet-Abuse.Com Animal Cruelty Database](http://www.pet-abuse.com/profiles/370/#ixzz2P61dBA5) <http://www.pet-abuse.com/profiles/370/#ixzz2P61dBA5>