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Subject: Connecticut House Bill 6690

Importance: High

Relative to the following information I recently received on the subject bill:

- Directs the state's Commissioner of Agriculture to maintain a list of individuals with expertise in animal welfare or legal advocacy to serve as animal advocates, and specifies that such list may include, but not be limited to, veterinarians, students and faculty members of law schools, attorneys and law firms.

I definitely feel the animals should have an advocate to represent their needs and you are on the right track in that regard. However your choice of individuals from your specified areas of interest does leave a lot to be desired. The "experts" specifically in dogs are those individuals who have worked with dogs most of their lives as Managers in Animal Welfare facilities, Professional Dog handlers or trainers with some credentials and lots of experience. In my opinion you are too heavy in the legal profession and not considering the practicality of the dog's welfare as being the most important. Joy S. Brewster, Newtown, CT