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Testimony Concerning Bill HB 6690
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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 am a registered voter in New Milford, Ct. I am an employee of the national organization Vegan Outreach, as well as the founding member of Connecticut Vegan Outreach, a group comprised of 120 voters and animal advocates from Connecticut.

I care about animals, and work every day to end cruelty to animals.

I support HB 6690 because research has established strong links between violent behavior towards humans and violent behaviors towards animals.

Law enforcement must take violence towards 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 for animals will help to build a humane society.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,
Karen James
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