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Subject: RE: ***** TESTIMONY in SUPPORT of HB 6690 *****

Dear Co-Chair Coleman

Co-Chair Fox

Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee:

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

I live in Meriden, own a home and pay taxes, and I vote. This issue is very important to me.

I support HB 6690 because:

- Research has established strong links between violent behaviors toward humans and violent behaviors toward animals.
- 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 in hearing my opinion.

Sincerely,

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