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**To:** Jud Testimony  
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I hope that this committee will rethink this bill. The intentions are good, but the wording leaves too much open to interpretation. I think if an animal had an attorney appointed by the court, similare to child welfare cases, it would be much better or someone from the Dept. of Agriculture. Unless a well trained person in animal care and the law is the dog's advocate, this could lead to and unfair and warranted decision. As written it leaves too many areas where abuse of the bill can occur.

We do not want to be guardians of our animals, but owners, This bill allows for us to move in the direction of guardianship.

How many such cases do you anticipate? How big a burden on the court system will this be?

I respectfully request that you table this bill until you can have more information from the responsible dog community and not the Animal Rightist, regardless of what name they use. Please research this further. Have you received any input from the American Kennel Club? Have you contacted any of the kennel clubs in the State of Connecticut?

Thank you,  
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