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Subject: Testimony for 4/5 public hearing-- SUPPORT HB 6690

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

Please support HB 6690 (court advocates for animals).

As a former elementary school teacher, I believe teaching children kindness and respect toward animals will help to build a more humane society. Research has long established strong links between violent behaviors toward humans and violent behaviors toward animals. Law enforcement agencies must take violence toward animals seriously, and prosecutions must be encouraged.

Thank you for your consideration in this crucial matter. I vote, and this issue is important to me.

**Sincerely yours,
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