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To: Jud Testimony
Subject: Please Support HB 6690 against animal cruelty

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

As I believe animals to be innocent and sentient creatures, relying on humans for their protection, I am writing to urge you to support **HB 6690**.

- 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 and consideration.

Most sincerely,

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