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

By means of introduction, my name is Richard Kragle. I am a resident of Glastonbury, CT and am an active voter in all elections.

I am writing today in SUPPORT of HB 6690, AAC Court Proceedings and the Protection of Animals, and ask for your CO-SPONSORSHIP.

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.

Animals deserve a voice when their well being is in jeopardy. Since they cannot speak for themselves having a court advocate would help bring the justice they deserve and have their voice heard.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter. Again, I respectfully request your co-sponsorship in passing HB 6690 to help protect animals.

Sincerely,
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