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To: Jud Testimony
Subject: House Bill 669: An Act Concerning Court Procedures and the Protection of Animals

Importance: High

Dear Sirs,

I support HB 6690 because an animal advocate in court will highlight the injuries to the animal and spotlight the fact that abuse of animals is a RED FLAG for future violent behavior. Statistics show that eighty percent of school shooters started by abusing animals. This bill will provide an opportunity to step in and STOP this horrible violence against innocents, and get the proper punishment and treatment for the abusers. This approach, dovetailed with increased and focused mental health programs in Connecticut seems the only way to curtail and PREVENT violence in our society. Clearly, incarceration after the fact had not been effective. This is a critical part of a more comprehensive and logical approach to something we have previously done poorly. Prevent and treat violent offenders early!

Sincerely,
Robbin Donahue