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

Please accept this as my testimony in SUPPORT of HB 6690, AAC Court proceedings and the protection of animals.

-I support this bill because I believe that animals need a voice in the justice system. Animal cruelty has gone on far too long without animals having proper representation in the courts.

- Research shows that people that abuse animals frequently go on to abuse people. This bill would help stop the abusers from continuing on to more violent behaviors.

- It is time for law enforcement to take violence towards animals seriously and abusers prosecuted.

- This bill would not cost the state anything as court advocates for animals can be volunteers and animal welfare groups, law students and law firms.

- The evolution of a society is towards a respect for all life- to show kindness and act with a humane responsibility towards all.  
Please let our laws reflect that.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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