

**RE: Testimony for 4/5 public hearing-- SUPPORT HB 6690 (court advocates for animals)**

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

Please accept this as our testimony (for public hearing held on 4/5/13) in **SUPPORT of HB 6690**, AAC Court proceedings and the protection of animals. We have told our friends at school and the following names are students who signed at lunch time to help protect our animal friends who need us. For many kids, animals are their best and only friends. After all they give us, protecting them is a very important matter to us.

**Our parents vote, and this issue is important to us and them.**

We support HB 6690 because:

- Hurting animals is wrong. They cannot defend themselves against us and they have absolutely no power to control their own lives, including the ability to tell someone or get help when they are hurt. They feel the same feelings we feel when their bodies and spirits are hurt. In that way, they are kids, just like us.
- We have been told about the strong links between violent behaviors toward humans and violent behaviors toward animals. Sometimes we have a chance to read about it to improve literacy.
- We believe that 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 place for everyone to live.
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

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