

Hello, Representatives Giannaros, Urban, Gerratana, and Lopes,

I am writing in to urge you to please SUPPORT of HB 6329, AAC Dissection Choice.

Compassionate and thoughtful students in our schools should be able to "opt out" of assignments that are ethically repugnant or morally unacceptable to them. It is a model we should foster and support as adults, parents, and teachers.

Dissection as a teaching tool is archaic, and should be replaced with alternatives, like computer programs (dozens are available). Many studies have shown that kids who use alternatives have been shown to grasp the learning objective better than those who dissect.

We need to join our neighboring states that have laws or policies to allow kids to opt-out, including Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Maine, Vermont, and New Jersey. Let's be the next state to pass this law and show CT students that it is ok to make this smart, compassionate choice in their science classes.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and support of HB 6329.

Sincerely,

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