

As a life-long resident of Connecticut, and sometime who is committed to living an ethical and sustainable life, I want to express my SUPPORT of HB 6329, AAC Dissection Choice.

As a long-time voter in this state, I want to make it clear that I vote to make Connecticut a better place to live for all. This issue is too important to the the health and welfare of all of us who enjoy the high standard of living that this beautiful states has to off to ALL living creatures who resides within its borders.

As someone who, at the risk of my limiting my college going options, chose to NOT take biology in high school here in Connecticut in the late 60's, I would hope that all of Connecticut's current and future students would NOT have to take that risk, and instead would- at the least - be given the chance to opt out of dissection and perform an alternative assignment.

Dissection is not a necessary part of academic preparation for application to veterinary or medical school. Almost all medical schools have eliminated the use of animals in teaching. This 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.

Plus, alternatives are cheaper, which is important to all taxpayers. It is ironic that this state would choose to spend MORE funds on barbaric methods, rather than free up funds for other ,much more desperately needed, programs that would benefit ALL.

We need to join our neighboring states that have laws of policies to allow kids to opt-out, including Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Maine, Vermont, and New Jersey.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lindsey K

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"The time is coming, however, when people will be astonished that mankind needed so long a time to regard thoughtless injury to life as incompatible with ethics."
Albert Schweitzer, Dale Lecturer at Mansfield College, Oxford, 1923.