

SUPPORT of HB 6329, ACC Dissection Choice
Honorable Members of the Children Committee,

As a registered voter, I am writing in SUPPORT of HB 6329, AAC Dissection Choice. This issue has been very important to me for many, many years. I am very proud of having been able to use alternatives to dissection in my high school biology class in 1958, a choice that all children should have been given all these years – the time has come to support HB 6329! Dissection is neither necessary for preparation for veterinary/medical schools, nor should it be required from students who don't plan on pursuing careers in science. Almost all medical schools have eliminated the use of animals in teaching. It is time to replace this archaic and repetitive teaching tool with computer programs, which are so much more appropriate for today's students.

Not only are alternatives a lot less expensive to taxpayers, but they teach students respect for all life, not callousness and uneasiness when confronted with animal carcasses of species that may be pets to many. We need to join states that have laws or policies to allow kids to opt-out. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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