Dear Honorable Members of the Children's Committee,

I am writing in SUPPORT of HB 6329, AAC Dissection Choice

I vote, and this issue is important to me.

Children should be given the chance to opt out of dissection and perform an alternative assignment.

Dissection is not necessary for preparation for any 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 interests me as a taxpayer.

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,

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