

Dear Honorable Members of the Children's Committee,

I am writing in SUPPORT of HB 6329, AAC Dissection Choice. I vote because this issue is important to me.

Children should be given the chance to opt out of dissection and perform an alternative assignment. Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Maine, Vermont, and New Jersey have already passed laws allowing policies for kids to opt-out of dissection.

Dissection is not necessary for preparation for any veterinary or medical school. Many studies have shown that kids who use alternatives have been shown to grasp the learning objective better than those who dissect. 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 which are widely available.

Economically, these more effective, alternative teaching tools are less expensive than the resources needed for dissection. Savings to taxpayers ought to be a consideration to support HB 6329.

Sincerely,

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