

## Testimony Concerning HB 5836

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I would like to thank the Environment Committee for the opportunity to express my support of HB 5836 which would *utilize existing funds in the state's Animal Population Control Program (APCP), to expand spay/neuter and vaccination benefits to pets belonging to low-income families.*

I am a registered voter in Southington, and a Volunteer with Our Companions Animal Rescue.

As a person who loves and cares for animals, I believe the need to spay/neuter and vaccinate pets is a necessary part of caring for animals. It is also critical in addressing issues of over-population and maintaining animal health. Sadly, neglecting these procedures often results in more unwanted and/or unhealthy animals ... often leading to animal suffering.

In the current economy it becomes cost prohibitive for many people, especially low-income families, to cover the cost of providing this important pet care. I believe HB 5836 will help toward achieving this goal.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify. I urge you to strongly support this important piece of legislation.

Thank you,

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