

**Testimony Concerning H.B. No. 5844**  
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I would like to thank the Environment Committee for the opportunity to express my support of H.B. 5844, AN ACT CONCERNING THE OVERNIGHT TETHERING OF DOGS OUTDOORS AND THE TETHERING OF DOGS OUTDOORS UNDER CERTAIN WEATHER CONDITIONS.

I am a registered voter in Hamden, and I am the Treasurer of SAFE, Inc., as well as the Treasurer of Hamden Happy Tails Foundation, Inc.

Being involved with animal rescue groups, I have witnessed first hand the results of long-term chaining of dogs, and as treasurer I pay the numerous medical bills involved with rescued animals, many of them caused by tethering. In addition to the physical injuries, the psychological damage is more difficult to treat, creating an unnecessary threat to everyone.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify and I do hope you will strongly support this important piece of legislation.

Thank you,

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