

Testimony Concerning HB 5844
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I would like to thank the Environment Committee for the opportunity to express my support of HB 5844, the anti-chaining bill.

I am a registered voter in Trumbull, where I recently witnessed something so heartbreaking, it took my breath away. I was driving home late one evening and found myself caught in one of the many snow storms that we have experienced this winter, when my breaks locked and I slid off the road. When I got out of my car to see if there was any damage, (there was none thank goodness!) I looked in the yard where my headlights were shining and there sat a dog. This poor animal was chained outside, in the cold and snow with no dog house, nowhere to take cover, nowhere to seek shelter. This dog looked sad, cold and miserable and I desperately wanted to do something to help but realized there was nothing I could do.

Now there is something that I can do. I am writing this letter to ask you, those who can help, to make a difference in their lives. By supporting HB 5844, you can save countless animals from the cruel and inhumane treatment of being chained outside in extreme weather conditions.

Thank you for giving your time in reading my thoughts and for your consideration of HB 5844. It is with sincere hope that you will support this important piece of legislation that is vital to lives of Connecticut's best friends.

Thank you,

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