

Testimony in Support of SB 309  
AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL COSTS FOR THE CARE OF CONFISCATED ANIMALS.

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Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my support for SB309.

There is a recent case in the town of Bethlehem which has brought attention to this issue. The town has incurred more than \$32,000 in costs associated with the cruelty case of Fred Acker, who was found guilty of 15 misdemeanor counts of animal cruelty. Towns should not be financially burdened as a result of doing their job in cases like this, when they confiscate animals from situations of animal abuse and neglect.

This bill would provide greater assurance of reimbursement to municipalities that are required to cover the costs of caring for animals that have been confiscated and cared for during animal cruelty investigations.

Those who have abused animals should be responsible for their actions criminally and financially. SB 309 speaks to this need and makes it possible for municipalities to be reimbursed for their expenses in their effort to protect animals who are victims of abuse.

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

Sincerely,

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