

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

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I would like to thank the Environment Committee for the opportunity to express my support of SB 309.

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.

For example, the town of Bethlehem 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.

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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