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Environment Committee
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Re: Please **SUPPORT HB 5079**, AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF
FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE SHELTERING OF LOST ANIMALS
FOLLOWING SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCIES

Dear Co-Chair Meyer, Co-Chair Gentile, and Honorable Members of the
Environment Committee,

On behalf of the Connecticut supporters of The Humane Society of the United
States, I submit this letter to **SUPPORT HB 5079**, which would make it so that
the sheltering of animals by a municipality following a severe weather event
emergency shall be deemed a reimbursable expense for the purpose of
distributing federal funds received in connection with such a severe weather
emergency.

We believe that attention to the protection of animals at risk in disasters and
other crises is important since animals play such a central role in the emotional
and economic well-being of Connecticut citizens. Intervention to rescue and
care for animals trapped in disasters or other crises requires coordinated
advance planning and preparation, and should include organized efforts to urge
and support people to include animals in their personal disaster contingency
plans.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

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