

To the Members of the Environment Committee,

I am voter from Greenwich. I would like to urge the following action on the bills scheduled for public hearing today at 1PM:

- 1) **HB 5416 (Section 2) - please support the ban on gestation crates for pigs.** Gestation crates are a prime example of a cruel and inhumane treatment of animals. Please send a message (and set an example for other states) that Connecticut will not tolerate this practice, so that no such farms will operate here.
- 2) **HB 5080 - Sunday hunting - please oppose this bill.** The great majority of Connecticut citizens are not hunters. Please allow just one day per week in which hunting is not allowed, for the benefit of animals and non-hunters.
- 3) **SB 445 - the puppy mill bill - please support this bill, but add these two requirements:**
 - 1) all newly licensed pet shops may not sell commercially-bred dogs and 2) all existing pet shops will phase out the sale of commercially-bred dogs. These two provisions are essential in stopping the puppy mill trade.

Thank you for your attention. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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