

Subject:

Testimony for 3 bills:

SUPPORT SB 361 (increases penalties for animal cruelty) with ADDITION of language to prevent use of gestation crates;

OPPOSE HB 6034 (Sun hunting)

SUPPORT HB 5707 ("Beagle Freedom" bill, outdoor sheltering for dogs)

Dear Co-chair Kennedy, Co-chair Albis, and Honorable Members of the Environment Committee,

Please accept this testimony in SUPPORT SB 361 **with the addition of language that would prevent gestation crates** from being used in Connecticut.

I support increasing the penalties for malicious and intentional animal cruelty, and ask that you add language to SB 361 that would prevent gestation crates from coming to Connecticut.

The intensive confinement of farm animals is already here in Connecticut – chickens confined in tiny cages at KofKoff Egg Farms in eastern CT -- and I do not want to see further expansion of these types of cruel farming practices.

I am among the 91% of Connecticut voters who want a ban on gestation crates, and I will be following this matter very closely.

Additionally, I OPPOSE Sunday hunting (HB 6034), because I want my one day of peace in the woods and because bow hunting is inhumane (high crippling rate).

I SUPPORT HB 5707, which would provide adoption opportunities for dogs and cats used in certain experiments and which would define outdoor sheltering standards for dogs

Warmest Regards,

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