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I would like to thank the Insurance and Real Estate Committee for the opportunity to express my support of House Bill #5361 An Act Concerning the Use of the Breed of Dog as an Underwriting Factor for Homeowners and enacts Insurance Policies. Innocent and loving dogs have been demonized as "bully breeds" which results in many of them languishing in shelter, being passed over by adopters, while other dogs find homes. A major reason why these dogs don't get adopted is that homeowner's insurance is not offered to individuals with any pit bull-type breed. Therefore, adopters favor breeds that will allow them to keep their insurance. We can change this by adopting bill HB 5361 which will prohibit insurance companies from using dog breed as a factor in the cost or availability of insurance in CT.

My niece has two beautiful pit bulls. They are the most gentle, loving dogs. We must put an end to this stereotyping. You can help by passing this bill.

The American Veterinary Medical Association recognizes that dog breed is not a reliable indicator of a dog's potential for aggression. Please don't allow breed to play a role in the ability to obtain homeowners insurance going forward. Please pass this bill! Thank you.

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