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From: Erica <erobbtrobb@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 8:01 AM
To: JudTestimony
Subject: Concerns with HB 6187

To: Sen. Eric D. Coleman and Rep. William Tong, Chairmen
Joint Committee on Judiciary
Room 2500, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Sirs: I urge you to carefully consider the implications of this legislation which may ultimately create LESS clarity for animals who need MORE care and concern. Interesting that I had just been thinking about the role of an animal advocate within the court systems. I think there may be a role to play but the surrounding laws need to be in place. In addition, because there are strong factions in the animal "welfare" groups that aim to further only their own agendas, there are very serious concerns about protecting the rights of animal owners. Not all claims of cruelty are valid.

I am an animal lover, owner and advocate in the private sense. My life includes over 40 years of connection with cats, dogs, horses, goats, rabbits, chickens. All of us who are connected to animals are horrified by the tragedies that occur on a daily basis. We are humbled by the forgiveness displayed by the animals who are removed from terrible situations. Yes, they need a voice in the courts. But it needs to be carefully considered and deployed.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

-- Erica Robb
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From: wipi <wipi@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 8:04 AM
To: JudTestimony
Subject: Senate bill 1129

Please vote to tighten the early release program to keep violent offenders in prison.

Wendy Irving

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S4, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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From: LCB <louise.cerrone@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 8:05 AM
To: JudTestimony
Subject: Justice for Desmond HB6187

My name is Louise Cerrone Bell, I live in Wallingford, CT. I was part of Desmond's Army and went to court as many times as I could.

Alex Wullaert, the murderer tortured and killed this innocent boy. He also tried to strangle is pregnant girlfriend and got away with that as well.

After the shooting in Newtown, there was much talk about mental health and how people fall through the cracks and how could this have gone unnoticed.

In a very high percentage people who abuse animals go on to hurting humans. It is a very high percentage. There are two things this law can do to help the cycle of abuse of animals and humans at the very same time.

If a person abuses an animal and doesn't get away with it and does jail time, and gets psychiatric help at sentencing, this new law can perhaps help stop the cycle of hurting a human as well, therefore nipping all of it in the bud.

Desmond was a sweet loving boy. He was tortured for 8 months non-stop. Can you imagine? This is not just a dog, he was a breathing live being. This has to STOP.

Many people may not write because frankly they don't trust politicians to really care. I believe that with all my heart. Like "what is the point of writing" thoughts. Make people believe in you and what you stand for. This will cost the tax payer nothing. Do something right, make the people that vote for you proud of you. Please pass this bill today, his murderer mocked us at court and had marshals walk him out because he was and is a coward.

PLEASE PASS THIS BILL TODAY! I promise you, you will have the respect of the people.

Thank you,

Louise Cerrone Bell
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"If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went."

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From: Michelle Terrien <terrienm@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 8:15 AM
To: JudTestimony
Subject: Justice for Desmond HB 6187 and SB 1128

Dear Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to ask your support of the following bills that will be considered by the Judiciary Committee today Wednesday, April 1, 2015.

So many people were disappointed in the lack of justice in the case of poor Desmond the dog. Poor Desmond was a shelter rescue dog who was beaten, tortured and strangled to death by his owner, who received only 2 years of accelerated rehabilitation, and in a couple of weeks will have his record expunged. This was not his first animal abuse case, and in fact, the dog was taken from him previously due to neglect and abuse. Unfortunately, he was able to get the dog back and the result was horrific. There was no justice for Desmond during that trial, but we can only hope to change the current laws to prevent future abusers from getting off with no real consequences. Animals cannot speak for themselves. It is our duty as humans to give them voice and prevent their harm. As a society we cannot tolerate abuse of those that cannot defend themselves.

I strongly encourage you to use your power and compassion as human beings and vote for these two bills.

HB 6187 would establish a system to provide an abused animal with a designated individual who will communicate the animal's interests in cruelty cases. The court advocate would volunteer their time, launch an independent investigation of the cruelty case, and present findings to the court. An advocate can speak to the gravity and seriousness of the crime, and emphasize the connection between cruelty to animals and cruelty to humans.

SB 1128 would eliminate Accelerated Rehab as a penalty option in animal cruelty cases.

Sincerely,

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To: JudTestimony
Subject: A call to action re: Bills No. HB 6187 & SB 1128

Regarding Testimony Concerning HB 6187 & SB 1128

To: Judiciary Committee State of CT

April 1, 2015

From: Bonnie Guest

I would like to thank the Judiciary Committee for the opportunity to express my support of

HB 6187 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF CRIMINAL COURT PROCEEDINGS. ("Desmond's Law")

and

SB 1128 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF ACCELERATED REHABILITATION IN THE CASE OF ANIMAL ABUSE

Animal cruelty cases rarely result in a conviction and punishment that suits the crime.

Typically, the cases are thrown out of court, dismissed, or the abuser gets away with a hand slap.

It is outrageous that we allow this to happen in our state -- in our country!

Please speak for all the innocent victims of abuse and cruelty, especially Desmond, who was tortured and killed here in Connecticut, yet his killer got away with a hand slap.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify and I do hope you will strongly support this important piece of legislation.

Thank you,

Bonnie Guest

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From: mike casinghino <mikecasinghino@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 8:55 AM
To: JudTestimony
Subject: bill 1129

Please support this bill,these people should not be getting out early.



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