

TESTIMONY CONCERNING HB 5707: AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES THAT CONDUCT RESEARCH USING CATS OR DOGS TO OFFER SUCH CATS OR DOGS TO ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS PRIOR TO EUTHANIZING ANY SUCH CAT OR DOG AND PROVIDING FOR THE PROPER SHELTERING OF DOGS

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Environment Committee

I would like to thank the Environment Committee for the opportunity to express my support of HB 5707. I am active in volunteer with local animal groups in Connecticut.

Please support this bill. Animals who are tested on deserve the best possible life, after being forced to give so much (whether usefully or not) to the fount of human knowledge. They endure lives of suffering and torment, which is well documented. Dogs and cats are brutally tortured every day, so asking that--after these poor animals have given the vast majority of their lives in pain--a good home is found for them is not unreasonable. The only redeemable part of the whole process would be helping them recover afterwards, and give them a chance to work through their PTSD in a safe and loving home, and NOT killing them. Treating them like the sweet house pets they were born to be, giving them a chance at life and happiness for once.

Also, to support the proper sheltering of dogs. No one deserves to be left in the cold, heat, or inclement weather, and those who decide to adopt dogs into their homes should be responsible enough to provide adequate shelter for those beings in their hands.

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

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