

Testimony Concerning HB 5707
Environment Committee, Friday, March 20, 2015 at 12:30 P.M.
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I would like to thank the Environment Committee for the opportunity to express my support of HB 5707, on **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.**

I care about animals and this bill needs to be supported because we need to take responsibility for the care of domestic animals, particularly ones that we have used for research.

We need to offer these cats and dogs proper shelter and this act would do that, by defining what the words “proper shelter” are and by giving our law enforcement officials the tools they need to take action against those who do not properly care for dogs.

On a personal note, I have a beagle that I “rescued” five years ago and she brings joy to me every day of her life. Had she not been brought to my attention by a rescue organization, I would never have found her.

In fact, she has “rescued” me in more ways than she knows – through her faithfulness, her love, and her support. Always protecting me, she barks at strangers knocking on the front door, and jumps into my lap to lick away my tears if I’m ever upset (even during a sad film!).

Please give these dogs a chance to be rescued – and to rescue others like myself. They need us to rally behind them, as they can’t vote themselves. We need to give them a chance, as they have given us the “ultimate” gift by our use of their bodies for scientific research.

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

Sincerely,

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