

Senator's Kennedy and Albis and the esteemed members of the Joint Environmental Committee:

As a Dog Fancier, Breeder and Exhibitor, American Kennel Club Licensed Judge and Delegate, and Kennel Club Officer I am writing to you with concern with regards to the proposed legislation that your committee will be considering on Friday. Specifically, my concerns are as follows:

As regards HB5707,

This bill includes language with regards and respect to animal care and conditions, specifically Canine Conditions. In spelling out what is perceived to be "Unacceptable" conditions, your legislation does not identify whom will have the power of enforcement, what power of enforcement will be allowed, what cure will be available in the event of an accusation of defective care and what actions the government may take to remedy the purported conditions, including perhaps the confiscation of property. Further you rely on the definition of the term "Weather Advisory" without definition. Clearly Admiral Perry on his way to the pole didn't have to concern himself with weather advisory's just as in the case of the great Serum Race in Alaska that has become a competitive event. We as the residents of the great state of Connecticut have seen politicians utilize and manipulate the legal event of a "Weather Advisory", and as well this means that if a neighbor finds distaste with me playing ball in my yard with my dog during a snowstorm, that they may make a complaint that could give rise to my dog's confiscation and my arrest all but for the joy extending for 1 second beyond 15 minutes.

As regards HB 5729,

This legislation is discriminatory against those that participate in the Dog Sports, and who make up a substantial amount of the print and internet advertising. Why are Rescue and Shelter organizations also not included in this legislation.

As regards HB 7011,

Increasing the authorization of Animal Control Officers, without appropriate training and funding amounts to adopting a Jackboot approach to dealing the property rights of citizens and their property.

As regards SB361,

I am very confused as to why our state would be adopting legislation of another such as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Are we not paying sufficient amounts of income tax to fund appropriate thinking with regards to legislation.

Senators, I as your constituent am very displeased to see your committee in receipt of such poorly contrived and worded legislation, each which at some point might affect me personally. I would gratefully, and in respect of this correspondence appreciate your returning these pieces of legislation to their authors or killing them humanely as you see fit.

Respectfully,

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