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Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 3:12 PM
To: INSTestimony
Subject: in support of HB5361

Hello,

I am writing to let you know that my family and I very strongly support this bill which would stop insurance companies from using breed as a factor in cost or access to insurance.

As long time dog owners, we know that most dogs that bite do so from lack of socialization or an abusive past, or just due to a situation that would make most dogs bite. Breed discrimination is just that-discrimination! Many, Many dogs in CT are mixed breeds and currently get labeled as whatever they may resemble in someone's subjective opinion. Many vets can not even give a guess to a dog's breeding without DNA testing, and are often surprised at the results.

Also, we know several pit bull mixes, and have volunteered at shelters with many of these dogs and I have personally only found them to be overly gentle, loving dogs. The fact that people now have to be afraid to adopt them for fear of their insurance going up or being denied is wrong. Breed discrimination causes the needless deaths of many wonderful dogs.

Thank you,

Janice Bowen Giordano