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Hello, and thank you for reading my email and others like it.

I am writing in strong support of HB 6187, an act concerning the protection of animals who are the subject of criminal court proceedings aka "Desmond's Law", and SB 1128 An act prohibiting the use of accelerated rehabilitation in the case of animal abuse.

Domestic animals/pets look to us for love, support, sustenance, guidance, and protection. In return they give us unconditional love and companionship. It is very important to note that Desmond (a sweet dog by all accounts) suffered. The details of the horrors his abuser put him through are nothing short of hellish, but his punishment was minor, and soon the animal cruelty conviction will be off of his record.

Animals need to have a firm voice to speak for them in cruelty/abuse cases and have more appropriate sentences meted out in convictions for cruelty/abuse, but the reality is that currently no advocate role exists in such cases, and penalties for convicted animal abusers are extremely minor... often only requiring the paying of a fine to satisfy the courts AND get the conviction speedily expunged from their record.

In addition to the ability of these bills to help protect animals from cruelty/abuse, there is also strong scientific evidence showing a link between animal cruelty and violent crimes against people. Passing these laws will help law enforcement and the courts more accurately deal with abusers in a way that could help prevent them from hurting not just other animals, but people as well.

Thank you for reading my testimony, and I implore you to support these bills and help them to become law.

Regards,
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