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**To:** JudTestimony  
**Subject:** Concerns with HB 6187

Dear Senator Coleman and Representative Tong,

I am writing to let you know that I am very concerned about HB 6187 and its far reaching ramifications for farmers, pet businesses, pet owners and competitors.

Not only do I feel it is inappropriate for the legal system to waste resources on Guardian Ad Litem for animals, I also feel it may wrongly transfer responsibility of what is in the best interests of an animal from the owner, and person who knows the animal best, to a representative for the animal, who may not know best farming, breeding and care practices.

In this anti-farming, anti-breeding, and anti-animal owning environment that Animal Rights people are creating, I am seriously concerned for those that may be falsely or unjustly accused simply because they own animals or run their farms or other animal programs based on years of knowledge and success, which may look different or not to the liking of others who may be unknowledgeable of best practices, reasonable and customary practices, or practices based on the needs of the individual animal. What happens to the animal after you have done what you think is "in its best interests", and the animal's health and emotional state decline? Usually they end up "put down".

I do not think it possible for a person appointed to represent an animal, know what is best for it, unless he/she has experienced the environment and work, and purpose of the animal's life for an extended amount of time. Working for a farm in summer is certainly different than winter. The same for a groomer, competitor, breeder, kennel, stables, etc.

Please do not allow HB 6187 to go any further. Giving the Animal Rights Zealots any more foothold into CT's pure property laws would be a great disservice to farmers, animal owners, sport competitors and animal businesses in this state. Please vote against this.

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