

**Testimony Concerning [Bill number]
[COMMITTEE NAME], [DATE of Public hearing]
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I would like to thank the Judiciary Committee for the opportunity to express my support of Bill HB6187: AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF CRIMINAL COURT PROCEEDINGS ("Desmond's Law") and Bill HB1128: AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF ACCELERATED REHABILITATION IN THE CASE OF ANIMAL ABUSE.

There is a song that states "Bless the beasts and the children; for in this world they have no voice, they have no choice."

Please give abused and neglected animals a voice by supporting Bill HB6187. It's time to protect innocent animals, who only want, need and deserve, love and a safe home. An advocate for animals will be their voice, and he/she will insure that the courts understand the gravity and seriousness of the crimes committed against them. Please give the animals the voice that they so desperately need and deserve by supporting Bill HB6187.

I am asking that you also support Bill HB1128. This bill is important in the fight against animal abusers. Those who abuse animals do not deserve accelerated rehabilitation. It is our responsibility as human beings to take care of those animals in our care. Those people who choose to commit animal abuse should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, no exceptions. Send the message that animal abuse in any form is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Please help stop the abuse and support Bill HB1128.

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

Thank you,

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