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Subject: HB 6187 and SB 1128

Dear Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee, as a constituent, I urge you to support HB 6187, a bill that would require the appointment of court advocates for animals, and SB 1128, a bill that would prohibit the use of Accelerated Rehabilitation in animal cruelty cases.

It is very disheartening to know that someone can strangle a pet dog and receive basically a slap on the hand as punishment. This certainly does not work as a deterrent to other people who may commit the same crime. Animal abuse is a violent crime and should be treated as such. The appointment of a court advocate would be highly beneficial as animals cannot speak for themselves and often times it is their owners who are perpetrating the abuse upon them, leaving no one to speak for them.

I have lived in Connecticut all of my life and have seen some progress and leadership in the anti cruelty laws here and it makes me proud to be a citizen of our state. The passage of these two bills will only help to move forward to help improve protection of the animals we love.

Regards,

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