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Testimony of Animal Control Officer Noranne Nielsen, 4 South Eagleville Rd., Mansfield CT 06268, 860-487-0137

**I support SB 1094 to change the assault statute to include assault on ACOs as a Class C felony.**

I have been an ACO for almost 16 years in the town of Mansfield CT. The job has many dangerous aspects including the dealings with difficult and violent residents. I have been assaulted once and the person in question was charged with disturbance of peace only because ACOs are not included in CGS 53a-167c.

ACOs often deal with the same people police officers deal with. The public seems to be getting less respectful towards law enforcement officers in general. ACOs have a dangerous job and are putting their lives on the line on a daily basis. They need the protection of the law just like police officers, peace officers, fire fighters, probation officers etc. like listed in CGS 53a-167c. Please add us to this list. Thank you.

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