



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

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Environment Committee
Room 3200, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106
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Re: **SUPPORT SB 137 (IWVC bill), and
SUPPORT HB 5315 (habituation/informational notices)**

Dear Co-Chair Kennedy, Co-Chair Albis, and Honorable Members of the Environment Committee,

On behalf of the Connecticut-based supporters of The Humane Society of the United States, the largest animal protection organization in the country, please accept this public hearing testimony in SUPPORT of the following two bills:

- 1) SB 137, An Act Concerning the Suspension of a Hunting or Fishing License for Failure to Appear, Pay or Plea in a Hunting or Fishing Violation Case

In instances where an individual fails to comply with a wildlife violation citation or fails to appear in court for a wildlife violation, this bill will allow for the suspension of hunting or fishing licenses until he or she complies with the citation or the case is otherwise adjudicated in court. By doing so, this legislation will increase compliance with wildlife violation citations, reduce the number of failure-to-appear cases, and achieve greater consistency with other states that are members of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, an important nationwide wildlife law enforcement network aimed at reducing poaching.

- 2) HB 5315, An Act Concerning the Prevention of the Habituation of Potentially Dangerous Animals, the Posting of Informational Notices Concerning Encounters with Wildlife and the Status of Snapping Turtles Under State Law

We strongly support and promote humane resolutions to conflicts with wildlife and preventative measures to minimize risk of such conflicts.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

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