

Testimony Concerning 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
Environment Committee February 24, 2016

Eva Magnuszewski Advisory Council CT Votes for Animals

Dear Members of the Environment Committee:

Please accept this as my testimony (for Public Hearing held on 2/24/16) in **SUPPORT of 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**

I vote, and this issue is important to me.

I support HB 5315 because I believe requiring Signage in State Parks and Forests That Show People what to do when they encounter bears is beneficial to both humans and bears. It would also promote regulations that prohibit the feeding of bears. This is proactive legislation that would help minimize human vs. bear encounters, and save lives as a result.

I was heartbroken over the Burlington Bear incident last year. I believe that situation could have been handled in a better fashion that allowed the bear to live.

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

Thank you,

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