

Testimony 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 am a resident of Guilford and a volunteer for Connecticut Votes for Animals. I am writing in support of HB 5315.

The presence of wildlife in state parks and forests greatly increases the enjoyment of them for many people. However, not all visitors to the parks and forests know how to handle encounters with wildlife. Among other things, HB 5315 would require signage in state parks and forests showing people what to do if they encounter bears. It would also promote regulations that prohibit feeding bears. Thus, this legislation should be of considerable benefit to both wildlife and humans.

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