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Senator Ted Kennedy
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Representative James Albis
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Dear Senator Kennedy and Representative Albis,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. On behalf of the Task Force on the Humane Treatment of Animals in Municipal and Regional Shelters, I'm here to testify on SB 228 AN ACT CONCERNING DAMAGES FOR THE UNLAWFUL KILLING OR INJURING OF A COMPANION ANIMAL AND REQUIRING A REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CONCERNING THE TETHERING OF DOGS. We are respectfully asking the Environment committees to consider substitute language to amend the bill to include the following three policy recommendations that you will see in the attached email which was adopted by the task force during our deliberations:

1. Recommissioning the State Task Force for the Humane Treatment of Animals to continue working on initiatives designed to promote and enhance animal welfare across the state by delivering the recommendations to the state legislative body annually.
2. Establishing conditions to be met prior to a licensed veterinarian euthanizing a dog or other animal captured by an Animal Control Officer and not claimed by and released to the owner or keeper or purchased as a pet.
3. Requiring the spaying and neutering of all adoptable dogs and cats as part of the adoption process.

I have included an accompanied email with draft language for your review and consideration. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Senator Clark Chapin, Ranking Member Environment Committee
Representative John Shaban, Ranking Member Environment Committee