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INSURANCE COMMITTEE March 3, 2016
EVA MAGNUSZEWSKI
CT VOTES FOR ANIMALS-ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

I would like to thank the Insurance Committee for the opportunity to express my support of HB 5443, AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF BREED OF DOG AS AN UNUNDERWRITING FACTOR FOR HOMEOWNERS AND TENANTS INSURANCE POLICIES

I care about animals deeply and often donate food/supplies to local animal control facilities. It is heartbreaking to see how many dogs languish in shelters, especially the bully breeds. One of the reasons it is hard for these dogs to find homes is that many insurance companies will NOT offer Homeowners insurance to residents with any type pit bull type breed-even dogs like German Shepherd breeds can be barred.

I have often interacted with the shelter dogs, and all they want to do is cuddle, give kisses, play and receive treats. They are good dogs who deserve to live in good homes. It was and continues to be heartbreaking to hear a healthy dog was put down (killed) because no one adopted him/her in the allotted time.

You can help change that and open up more homes for innocent dogs.

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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