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**Testimony Concerning HB 5443  
INSURANCE COMMITTEE March 3, 2016**

**Maria Pergely  
Concerned Dog Lover**

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 UNDERWRITING FACTOR FOR HOMEOWNERS AND TENANTS INSURANCE POLICIES.

I am a dog lover and spend countless hours every day sharing posts about dogs that are abandoned, homeless, abused, and looking for fosters or someone to adopt them. I would say that 90% of the dogs that need homes are pit bulls. These poor dogs are so maligned in society it is disgraceful. Through no fault of their own they have gotten a horrible reputation and thus many insurance companies will not provide homeowner's insurance if the client owns one. Pit bulls and other breeds should not be stuck with these horrible reputations because of some degenerate people who abuse them or use them in dog fighting. Many times these poor dogs languish in shelters and though people want to adopt them, they can't because of their insurance policy. Other dogs are given up because their owners move and the landlord's insurance doesn't allow the breed. Many of these otherwise healthy dogs are euthanized, killed because they are not adopted in a certain amount of time. It is truly heartbreaking. My daughter and son-in-law have a wonderful pittie that they rescued in 2014 and he is the sweetest pup. He knows he was rescued and given a new chance at life. Please pass HB 5443 so that these dogs have a chance at a new life.

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

Thank you,

Maria Pergely  
Monroe, CT



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