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Good Morning,

I am writing to you today in support of HB 5443 An Act Concerning the use of breed of dog as an underwriting factor for homeowners and tenants insurance policies.

I recently found myself self-supporting and in need of a home for my friendly and non-aggressive pit bull. I had about a month and a half to find a place to accept the two of us - and found it almost impossible. Many potential landlords were sympathetic but would not rent to me because they could not insure their property if they rented to me. I did finally find a place in Shelton - and went through 5 different insurance companies before I could get renters' insurance.

My dog is kind, playful and respectful of both humans and other dogs - there is no basis for this random exclusion.

Please support this bill to make it easier for those of us with dogs we love to find homes.

Thank you,  
Polly Finn  
Shelton CT

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