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**Testimony Concerning HB 5344
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I would like to thank the Judiciary Committee for the opportunity to express my support of HB 5344, An Act Concerning Support for Animals That Are Neglected or Treated Cruelly.

I want to express my support of and the importance of this bill. As a multiple dog family and rescuer, I believe it is critical that we respect all living beings and treat them with the same humane consideration and protection we provide humans. Research is quite clear that most, if not all, human to human violence begins with human to animal cruelty and abuse. We need to begin to teach our children that animals are valued in the same way that other beings, humans, are valued. Animals need to be protected and valued in this ever changing and increasingly violent culture that we live in.

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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