

**Testimony Concerning HB 5344  
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Connecticut Votes for Animals**

I would like to thank the Judiciary Committee for the opportunity to express my support of HB 5344, known as Desmond's Law.

I wholeheartedly support this law, as so many do. The world at large and Connecticut, in particular, needs to really understand that our animal companions, indeed ALL animals, need advocates to represent their "voices," rights and dignity.

When I have heard cases that have occurred in New England and in Connecticut, of animals being horrendously beaten, stabbed, shot dead, etc., I cry for a while, THEN I become angry, even incensed!

Let Connecticut be at the forefront of this ever-growing movement and VOTE FOR ADVOCATES for these abused, degraded and even murdered animals.

Tomorrow is the day, and I hope I'm not too late in getting my vote in place -- to make the difference that, undeniably, needs to be made!

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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