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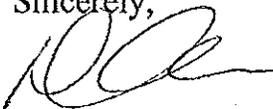
Dear Legislators,

I am writing in support of Desmond's Law (HB-5344) being enacted and enforced. Too many animals are being abused, tortured and murdered while the perpetrators of these crimes get a slap on the wrist or walk off scott-free. NO ONE should be allowed to hurt another living being and get away with it, yet I have seen an increase in the number and severity of these attacks over the past several months.

These criminals need to be punished for their actions. The punishment for these offenders needs to be severe enough to keep them from even thinking about hurting an innocent creature. Animal cruelty, mutilation, torture and murder have been linked to Psychopathic and Sociopathic individuals who start off with animals, but then go on to direct this behavior toward human victims. I also recommend that a full Mental Health evaluation be performed on EACH and EVERY one of these offenders.

Please, I beg you to vote to enact and enforce Desmond's Law. It is the RIGHT thing to do. Furthermore, it will make a positive and much needed difference in the lives of the human and animal population.

Sincerely,



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