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**To:** JudTestimony  
**Subject:** Support HB 5344, AN ACT CONCERNING ANIMALS THAT ARE NEGLECTED OR TREATED CRUELLY

**I writing to ask you to support HB 5344.**

**My family and I were shocked to learn that 80% of animal cruelty charges are dismissed in Connecticut. It is totally unacceptable to us that these animals never get justice and even more importantly, violent criminals walk free to abuse again! These criminals will certainly abuse helpless animals again, but they are very likely to abuse people too.**

**We need to have these cases brought to court, not dismissed and a Court Animal Advocate can help see that this happens. An Animal Advocate is also necessary to ensure that the punishments are appropriately severe. People need to know that they will be held accountable for animal abuse.**

**Protecting innocent victims, especially animals who have no voice is the number one concern of this voting family.**

**Thank you for your consideration of this matter,**

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