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To: JudTestimony
Subject: HB 5344 An Act Concerning Support for Animals that are Neglected or Treated Cruelly

TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

I am writing to ask that you support HB 5344 to support animal cruelty. Over the many years of owning dog and cats and the 15 years that my husband and I were wildlife rehabilitators, we have seen and heard of too many abuse cases that take years and years with a disappointing outcome. We have adopted many dogs from our local animal shelter and have gotten the best animals that other people have discarded.

It has been my experience that people that have been arrested for abuse, just move to another town and continue the same pattern. Because we live so close to New York, many abusers just move over the line. People that have animal shelters under the 501c3 laws and have been charged with neglect, change their shelter name and move to another town. There is a case that I have been following for many years. This person moves from town to town. One local town has paid millions of dollars to feed and house the animals, that were taken out of a bad situation, until the case comes up in court. What happens to the animals in the meantime? These dogs and cats now live at a secure location but living in a kennel situation for years is not fair to them. Most of them only know neglect and abuse. Is it fair to them not be adopted into a loving home? The abuser will go on and most likely do it again. Maybe the next time, a child will be abused and locked in a closet or thrown out a window just like that puppy or kitten.

Another case of neglect is the two Mustangs that are in Niantic. It has been 18 months or more since they were removed from Redding. Although now they have great care where they are, they could be adopted into a loving family that could be enjoying them. Why should the taxpayers have to pay for their care for years and years?

Please support this law and bring punishment, in a timely manner, to these abusers before the cruelty gets worse. The monies from the fines can help pay for the care of these animals until they can be adopted.

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