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Subject: Testimony to Support HB 5344, An Act Concerning Support for Animals that are Neglected or Treated Cruelly.

Dear Co-Chair Coleman, Co-Chair Tong and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Please accept this as my testimony (for public hearing held on 2/24/16) in **SUPPORT of HB 5344**, An Act Concerning Support for Animals that are Neglected or Treated Cruelly.

I vote, and this issue is important to me.

I support HB 5344 because:

- Research has established strong links between violent behaviors toward humans and violent behaviors toward animals.
- Law enforcement agencies must take violence toward animals seriously, and prosecutions must be encouraged. I'm disturbed by an OLR report (2015-R-0262) finding that between 2005-15, 80% of animal cruelty offenses were either not prosecuted or were dismissed.
- Court advocates for animals could be provided at no cost by enlisting volunteer representation for animals from law students and law firms.
- Teaching humans to behave with kindness and respect toward animals will help to build a more humane society.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,
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