

Testimony Concerning H.B. No. 5344

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE-DATE of Public hearing: Wednesday 24th 2016
Beata Robidoux

I would like to thank the Judiciary Committee for the opportunity to express my support of H.B. No. 5344 Desmond's Law.

A law protecting animals and holding their abusers accountable for their actions needs to be enacted in the State of Connecticut. I care about the rights of animals as most animals (such as poor Desmond) are totally dependent on caring and competent caretakers to provide for their needs. Just punishment for perpetrators of animal cruelty and violence has been overlooked by this state far too long.

I have had personal experience walking into homes, in which the animals who were residing there were malnourished, unhealthy, injured and covered in their own filth. The adult caretakers of these animals had a responsibility to care, nurture and keep healthy, the animals that they welcomed into their home, as part of their family.

An advocate is desperately needed as a voice for those that are unable to speak for themselves. Please help to ensure that those who commit these horrific crimes of animal torture/cruelty are punished justly.

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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