

Testimony in support of HB 5344, An Act Concerning Support for Animals That Are Neglected or Treated
Cruelly

I am a resident of Darien, and am writing in strong support of HB 5344, An Act Concerning Support for Animals That Are Neglected or Treated Cruelly. Animals cannot speak for themselves, and this bill would provide volunteer advocates to speak in court on behalf of abused animals.

Animal cruelty is a problem that is all too widespread and that usually goes unpunished. In addition, it is often a warning sign that the perpetrator may be prone to violence to people as well. In most cases, the perpetrator goes unpunished; this is unacceptable in a humane society. A common-sense solution is to have qualified advocates for the abused animals, as proposed in this bill.

Thank you for your consideration. Please support this bill.

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