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I would like to thank the Judiciary Committee for your consideration of Desmond's Law .

I have been following several animal abuse cases over the past few years, along with other animal welfare advocates most of which have dragged on over a year which I feel could have been disposed of in a more timely and just manner if there had been an advocate for the innocent, voiceless animal.

One of these cases involves a puppy in New Britain, named Hope, who was beaten by a man resulting in a fractured skull, broken leg and ribs. This man has been walking around free for over 15 mos during which time he was arrested for a home invasion and assault on an elderly woman. This is just another example of how animal abuse and other forms of violence are directly linked. These violent offenders need to be taken off the streets so that other innocent animals and people are protected. A court advocate would help with this.

Another case similar to this involves a puppy, Dora, in Bridgeport in which the woman beat her puppy every night after getting home from work. Presumably, the puppy had an accident in the house and the neighbors heard it cry every night after she got home. One night the whimpering stopped and she was seen carrying out a plastic bag which she buried in the back yard with the puppy's remains. This is still an ongoing case which has also been going on for over a year. This woman has also assaulted her mother during this time.

I strongly urge you to please pass Desmond's Law this session.

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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