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**Testimony Concerning HB 5344
Judiciary Committee, February 24, 2016
Amanda Wright**

I would like to thank the Judiciary Committee for the opportunity to express my support of HB 5344 AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR ANIMALS THAT ARE NEGLECTED OR TREATED CRUELTY.

This bill will foster much needed change in our state. Millions of animals around the world spend their lives in situations of cruelty and neglect. Puppy mills, fighting rings, factory farms, and other terrible situations are a part of our reality. Animals are being neglected and abused at the hands of individuals in our communities with no repercussions. Animals are in desperate need of our help as legislation is lacking. It is shameful that from 2005-2015 over 80% of all animal cases never made it to a court. You have a chance to change this. Animals do not have a voice so we desperately need to be it for them. Studies have time and time again shown that those who commits acts of cruelty against animals have the potential to be very dangerous in society. Abusers must be held responsible for their crimes. Those who suffer deserve justice. We are the only ones who can make this a reality.

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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