

This is a letter to support HB NO 5140 an act concerning the use of therapy animals to support children while testifying.

As a social worker, who does animal assisted therapy I can attest to the comfort therapy animals can provide to children living with trauma.

There are several programs across the country that have provided therapy animals to children who are testifying with good outcomes.

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