

I am writing in support of this bill HB 5147 My name is Carolyn Schmaling from Monroe, CT I am not affiliated with any animal organization, but I do support and have made donations to several animal rescue organizations. I am in support of this bill and feel that it is about time our leaders take Animal Safety seriously. For too long animals have been viewed as property and owners have gotten away with too much. We need to enforce our laws better when it comes to our furry friends. The people who purposely injure an animal should know that they will be caught, prosecuted and pay for that crime. I realize that some laws can be open to interpretation, but purposely injuring an animal should be considered a crime. It needs to start with leaving animals outside exposed in inclement weather - more than just a slap on the wrist, tethering animals for extended periods of time. Create an animal abuse registry and make it public! People need to be held accountable for how they treat animals and know the state means business. I truly hope this can pass, and without hesitation. I fully support State Rep Gary Byron in his quest for animal safety laws. Lets get this passed!!

Sincerely  
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