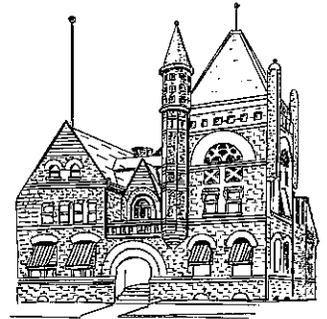




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Dear Senator Ted Kennedy and State Representative James Albis,

As a part of the State Task Force for the Humane Treatment of Animals I would like to respectfully request that the taskforce be recommissioned so that the task members can continue to create initiatives that not only promote but also improve animal welfare across the state of Connecticut.

Recently the task force created a proposal that asks for a requirement of spaying and neutering of all adoptable dogs and cats as part of the adoption process. The proposal also asks that established conditions be made before an animal be euthanized to ensure every possible step is taken to help such animal before such a drastic step is taken.

Many municipalities have been under stress with the number of animals being dropped off at their shelters. There is not enough revenue to support so many animals. The taskforce, in the past, has created guidelines for volunteer program amongst other proposals and would like to have the opportunity to create more proposals that will help municipalities create resources that will benefit their shelters. This taskforce is also a great way to find additional funding from private and nonprofit organizations in order to pay for the costs of caretaking of animals and up keeping the shelters.

In the end, this taskforce would like to continue to provide expertise and recommendations to the state legislatures on the promotion and improvement of the animal welfare system. I would like to continue to be a part of the Task Force should it be recommissioned.

Sincerely,

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