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Re: **SUPPORT SB 21, AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS IN MUNICIPAL ANIMAL SHELTERS**

Dear Co-Chair Cohen, Co-Chair Demicco, Vice Chair Kushner, Vice Chair Gresko, Vice Chair Miner, Ranking Member Harding, and Honorable Members of the Environment Committee,

On behalf of the Connecticut-based supporters of The Humane Society of the United States, the largest animal protection organization in the country, please accept this public hearing testimony in SUPPORT of HB 5282, which will revive a task force established per Public Act 14-205 (The Task Force on the Humane Treatment of Animals in Municipal and Regional Shelters).

Led by Michael Freda, the task force has worked to address sheltering issues in a strategic, comprehensive manner in furtherance of determining best practices that will improve the welfare of animals in Connecticut's municipal shelters. This task force's important work should continue.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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