



Statement of
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In Support of HB 6014
Before the
Joint Committee on the Environment
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Senate Co-Chair Cohen, House Co-Chair Demicco, Vice Chairs Senator Kushner and Representative Gresko, Ranking Senator Miner and Ranking Representative Harding, Honorable Members of the Environment Committee.

CT Votes for Animals (CVA) is a grass roots animal advocacy organization representing 3,000 citizens across the State of Connecticut. CVA members care deeply that Connecticut provides a safe and humane environment for all its animals. CVA speaks up for animals as a reminder to the public that a compassionate world is good for all and one in which we all should want to live in.

CVA supports HB 6014, An Act To Prohibit the Use of Leghold and Body Crushing Traps. This bill is long overdue and rightfully removes the use of Steel-jaw leghold traps, body-crushing Conibear traps from the arsenal of equipment available to trappers.

These specific traps are known for their undeniably cruel way of maiming and killing animals. Leghold traps are non-selective which means that each year non-targeted animals are ensnared by these traps. There have been reports this included household pets and unintended wildlife putting the public and pets at risk of needless and reckless suffering. There is no justification for using these inhumane and immoral tools. CVA urges the Committee to stop this barbaric practice for once and for all by favorably passing HB 6014.

Thank you for your consideration.