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Dear Chairman Craven and Honorable Members of the Rhode House Judiciary Committee:

Volunteer Services for Animals supports H7970 as a means for protecting pets caught in bad domestic situations. They are another way of inflicting emotional harm on one of the parties. Yes pets need this protection because they are in harms way too. We hope that you will give pets this protection by passing it on to the full House for consideration.

We thank the sponsors: Representative Lima, Knight, Costantino, Solomon, Baginski, J. O"Brien, Hull, Biah, and DeSimone for introducing this bill. We thank the House Judiciary Committe for permitting VSA to submit this testimony via email.

Very respectfully yours, Joanne Rongo VSA Chair writing for the Board of Directors, Volunteers & Supporters

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