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## **In Favor of H-5025**

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RI House Judiciary Committee  
Rhode Island State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear House Judiciary Committee members:

Rhode Island organizations and individuals are spending enormous amounts of time and money reducing the feral cat population, making sure that feral cats have been inoculated to prevent the spread of rabies, and spaying/neutering to keep the population in check.

By keeping the feral cat population down, we are also providing additional protection for wild birds.

Please note that this legislation is not just about feral cats but also about protecting wild birds and helping to protect the public and other animals from being bitten by a feral cat that is not protected from rabies.

Your support for Bill H-5025 introduced by Representative Edwards and cosponsored by Representatives Bennett, Spears, O'Brien, Hull, Newberry, and Chippendale would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Dennis Tabella*

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