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**To:** Rep. Craven, Robert E.; Rep. McEntee, Carol Hagan; Rep. Knight, Jason; Rep. Ajello, Edith H.; Rep. Batista, Jose F.; Rep. Bennett, David A.; Rep. Caldwell, Justine A.; Rep. Casimiro, Julie A.; Rep. Corvese, Arthur J.; Rep. Cruz, Cherie L.; Rep. Dawson, Matthew S.; Rep. Felix, Leonela; Rep. Noret, Thomas E.; Rep. Place, David J.; Rep. Roberts, Sherry; House Judiciary Committee  
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Dear Chair Craven, First Vice Chair McEntee, Second Vice Chair Knight, and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I have written at this time to request that you vote in favor of the following two bills:

1. H-5128. This would make any offense under this statute that could result in the death of an animal punishable by up to 3 years in prison, a fine of at least \$1,000.00 or both, for each offense. Such legislation which would hopefully prevent such incidents from occurring and/or which would at least cause individuals who commit such offenses to finally suffer the consequences for such acts is well overdue.

2. H-5125. This would permit the family court to award custody of household pets to the plaintiff in a domestic abuse complaint, including enforcement remedy of a restraining order or other injunctive relief. Since individuals who suffer such abuses will often continue to stay in a household for the sake of protecting their pets, this legislation would be greatly beneficial to make it easier for those individuals to leave such a situation.

Again, I urge you to vote in favor of these bills once they come before you.

Sincerely,

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