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In favor of H-5926

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**House Judiciary Members
RI State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903**

Dear House Judiciary Members:

On behalf of our members, supporters, and board members, I am respectfully requesting that you vote in favor of House Bill H-5926.

Only 24 states consider animals to be personal property, and Rhode Island is one of those states.

Twenty-six states enacted more far-reaching protection for animals, and Rhode Island needs to do the same.

Unfortunately, organizations like the American Kennel Club would have you believe that all states operate under the same legal framework. This is absolutely false.

Twenty-six states are operating under the same guidelines that are being proposed in Bill H-5926.

We are asking you to recommend Bill H-5926 for passage to the House floor for consideration.

Sincerely,

Dennis Tabella

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Director