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Dear Chair Craven, First Vice Chair McEntee, Second Vice Chair Knight, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is David Brunetti, from Burrillville, RI and I support House Bill No. 5125.

My comments on this bill are as follows:

This bill 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 towards making it easier for those individuals to leave such a situation, as well as to protect their pet or pets from potential abuse.

Therefore, I urge you to vote in favor of this bill.

Sincerely,

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