

Testimony in Support of H5669: Domestic Violence Prevention Act

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To Chair Craven and the honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

Domestic violence takes many forms, all of which are intended to control another. Animal cruelty or abandonment is no less a form of domestic abuse when intended to control others in the household. Cruelty or abandonment of a beloved pet is no less significant than physical, psychological or financial abuse and it's intentions are the same – to inflict pain, fear or suffering against a vulnerable animal so as to exert control over a vulnerable person. This is a reasonable and common sense bill, and I ask that you support it for the benefit of defenseless animals and vulnerable people.