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. 5669.

My comments on this bill are as follows:

This bill would amend the Domestic Violence Prevention Act by adding the following three items as crimes to be covered under this Act:

- 1. Unnecessary cruelty to an animal owned or cared for by a household member.
- 2. Malicious injury to or killing of an animal owned or cared for by a household member.
- 3. Abandonment of an animal owned or cared for by a household member.

Such additions to this Act are long overdue.

I urge you to vote in favor of this bill.

Sincerely,

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