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Dear Chairwoman McEntee and Honorable Members of the Rhode Island House Judiciary Committee:

Volunteer Services for Animals (VSA) writes in support of H7133 which gives our Courts the much needed opportunity to award pet(s) to the person who is making the domestic abuse complaint. This assists the Courts and protects pets from being used as weapons against accusers.

We wish to thank Representatives Lombardi, Hull, Sanchez, Cruz, and Stewart for sponsoring this important legislation and hope that it will receive consideration and support from members of the House Judiciary Committee. H7133 is very meaningful to anyone who has been or is presently in a volatile and abusive situation.

Thank you for permitting VSA to submit this testimony via email.

Very respectfully yours,  
Joanne Rongo  
VSA Chair writing for the Board of Directors & Volunteers

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