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

Volunteer Services for Animals (VSA) strongly supports H7194 because it adds harming animals by a family or household member against another to the Domestic Violence Protection Act. H7194 recognizes and extends protection to the animals that are considered part of the family and also subject to violent harm.

We want to thank the sponsors of H7194 and hope for its passage.  
Thank you for permitting VSA to submit testimony for H7194 via email.

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

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