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Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Ryan Fleming, and I am writing in strong support of House Bill H-7487.

This legislation takes important, reasonable steps to protect dogs from neglect and repeated mistreatment by increasing penalties for second or subsequent offenses and by strengthening enforcement through authorized city and town animal control officers. Establishing meaningful consequences for repeat violations helps deter cruelty, while empowering local animal control officers ensures these laws can actually be enforced at the community level.

Dogs depend entirely on people for their care and safety. Stronger protections reflect our shared responsibility to treat animals humanely and to hold repeat offenders accountable. H-7487 is a practical and compassionate measure that will improve animal welfare across Rhode Island.

I respectfully ask the Committee to vote in favor of H-7487.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ryan Fleming
In Favor – H-7487