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RE: H1385 An Act relative to establishing an animal abuse registry
DT: 24 February 2016

Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary,

Thank you for considering *H1385, An Act relative to establishing an animal abuse registry* before your committee on October 21st.

Society is often judged upon how they treat those who cannot speak for themselves. Animals cannot speak for themselves, so we must advocate on their behalf. This bill would create a registry of convicted animal abusers and institute penalties for failing to register. The bill would require all animal shelters, pet stores, and animal breeders to check the registry prior to adoption or purchase of an animal and forbid the adoption or sale of an animal to a person on the registry. Additionally, there would be penalties for the shelter, store, or breeder for not checking the registry.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *H1385, An Act relative to establishing an animal abuse registry* released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Heroux".

Paul Heroux