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The Honorable Dannel Malloy
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Hartford, CT, 06106

Dear Governor Malloy,

██████████ writing ██████████ express my gratitude ██████████ the work you have done regarding animal welfare. ██████████ particular, ██████████ pleased with your decision ██████████ sign Desmond's Law. ██████████ extremely proud that our state is the first ██████████ give animals ██████████ voice ██████████ our courtrooms and hope that our leadership inspires states across the nation ██████████ take this important step. Sadly, animal cruelty cases are not always taken seriously ██████████ the judicial system as the innocent victims are written off as being "just animals." Too often have animal abusers gotten away with their horrendous crimes because of ██████████ society which does not value the victims; when animals cannot stand up ██████████ themselves it is our duty ██████████ stand up ██████████ them. Thank you ██████████ signing this legislation which gives the voiceless ██████████ chance ██████████ achieve justice.

As you are an advocate ██████████ animal rights, ██████████ urge you ██████████ sign An Act Prohibiting the Operation of Greyhound Racing ██████████ the State if it reaches your desk. Although Connecticut's racing tracks are no longer open, making the cruel activity illegal is an important step. Thousands of greyhounds have been abused, injured, and killed because of racing. The dogs are kept ██████████ cages ██████████ which they cannot stand ██████████ extended periods of time, fed diseased meat that has been deemed unfit ██████████ consumption, and given drugs such as cocaine and steroids ██████████ improve their performance. It is vital that ██████████ make sure this horrible practice can never return ██████████ Connecticut.

Beyond passing this legislation, more work is needed ██████████ protect greyhounds. Even if greyhound racing is made illegal ██████████ our state, Connecticut residents are still able ██████████ participate ██████████ the practice through simulcast wagering. As long as simulcast wagering remains legal, residents can gamble ██████████ live races occurring ██████████ states where greyhound racing is still legal. As technology advances, ██████████ majority of bets placed ██████████ greyhound races are occurring through simulcast wagering, amounting ██████████ hundreds of millions of dollars ██████████ year. Much of this money comes from states like Connecticut which ██████████ not have operating greyhound tracks but ██████████ allow this form of gambling. Simulcast wagering plays ██████████ major role ██████████ keeping greyhound racing profitable despite the fact that races only occur ██████████ six states. Connecticut must prohibit simulcast wagering; if ██████████ not, our state is helping this inhumane practice survive. ██████████ urge you ██████████ look beyond prohibiting racing ██████████ our state and consider more robust legislation so that ██████████ may eradicate the blatant abuse of greyhounds.

██████████ thank you again ██████████ all the work and dedication you have put ██████████ making Connecticut ██████████ safer place ██████████ animals. ██████████ trust that you will continue ██████████ fight ██████████ them and lead the way toward ██████████ more caring and humane nation. ██████████ hope that ██████████ can stay ██████████ touch about this issue. You may reach me at ██████████ (860)752-2690.

Sincerely,



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