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### **Proponent Testimony on House Bill 350 House Criminal Justice**

Chairman Lang, Vice Chair Plummer, Ranking Member Leland, and members of the House Criminal Justice Committee, thank you for this opportunity to present proponent testimony on House Bill 350, re-enact provisions relating to animal fighting and sexual abuse of animals. My name is Dr. Lee Schrader, and I am a retired veterinary internal medicine specialist and the Executive Director and Medical Director of the Fayette Regional Humane Society in Washington Court House, OH.

The Fayette Regional Humane Society provides humane law enforcement services for Fayette and Ross Counties, and part of my job is to examine the animal victims of abuse. A uniform law throughout the state will provide humane agents with the tools they need to fight this heinous act of animal abuse.

A well-recognized link exists between sexual abuse of an animal and other sex offenses.

Data show the following: 56% of male sex offenders, 55% of female sex offenders, 38% of child sex offenders, and 11% of rapists reports having sexually abused an animal.

29% of inmates arrested for [pornography](#)-related offenses collected animal porn as well as child porn. 25% of men who viewed adult pornography online also viewed animal porn.

6% of juvenile male offenders admitted to sexual contact with an animal.

35% of arrests for bestiality also involve [child sexual abuse](#) or exploitation. In addition, nearly 40% of offenders have prior criminal records for bestiality, child sexual abuse, [domestic violence](#), battery, adult rape, [substance abuse](#), trespass, public indecency, even murder.

I plan to testify in favor of HB 350 tomorrow and will be available to complete a witness slip at that time.

Thank you for your consideration.

