



## **State Representatives Tom Brinkman Sponsor Testimony- HB 684**

Chairman Koehler, Vice Chair Creech, Ranking Member Brent, and members of the Agriculture & Conservation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written sponsor testimony on behalf of House Bill 684 and my joint sponsor Representative Laura Lanese, who I wish nothing but the best for in her future endeavors. I will keep my testimony short in the interest of your time and for the matter that this issue is rather self-explanatory.

This legislation would prohibit pet food from containing euthanized animal remains if the animal was euthanized by the use of any drug injected intravenously or another nonvascular route or remains from any dog or cat.

Not only is this act morbid, it is injurious for pets to consume. The animal remains still contain the chemicals used in euthanasia, causing pets to ingest these harmful chemicals. Just as it is important that we pay attention to what we put into our bodies, it is equally important that we do the same for our pets. Whether they are a family pet, a farm animal, or anything in-between, their quality and length of life, and overall health is heavily impacted by what they consume.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on behalf of HB 684 and ending this morbid act. I or my office would glad to answer any questions you may have.