

Chair Abrams, Vice-Chair Williams, Ranking Member Brown and Members of the House Criminal Justice Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 351.

In the case involving Miamisburg, we had no criminal charges that could be filed for the mutilation of a dog that occurred once it was deceased. Without this bill going forward, we will continue to have no recourse if we encounter this situation again. From my understanding this bill would also require anyone who does something like this to be required to get some mental health treatment. Someone who mutilates a companion animal, dead or alive, has to have some mental health issues that need addressed and this bill would do just that. We have to address this kind of behavior before it escalates,

The city of Miamisburg and other agencies would like to thank Representative Tom Young for moving this bill forward.

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