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To: Jankowski, Ted; Heaphy, Eileen; [REDACTED];
[REDACTED]; Board of Representatives
Subject:RE: Stamford Animal Shelter

To Whom It May Concern-

Recently I've been following the situation with the Stamford Animal Shelter and I'm writing to express my deep concern for the city's population of homeless animals. As a tax paying, Stamford resident, a social worker for a local non-profit, a dog owner and animal lover, I am so disappointed to hear of all the turmoil going on. I had been following the shelter expansion news and was hoping we would be getting a nice, new animal shelter in Stamford soon. Instead the shelter director has been let go and brought up on charges, volunteers are not being permitted to care for the animals and there are a lot of allegations being brought forward. I assure you the citizens of Stamford are paying close attention to what is going on. To think of all those poor animals in the shelter right now suffering and to hear that you want to bring back an old kill shelter philosophy is very upsetting. Please consider bringing Laurie Hollywood back to continue her work, and get volunteers in the shelter to care for the animals. I leave you with a quote from Mahatma Gandhi,

"The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated"

Thank you,

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