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Written Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 101

Chairman and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee, I am here to introduce and voice my support for Senate Bill 101 – *Courts* – *Court Dog and Child Witness Program* – *Established*.

Senate Bill 101 would allow any county to participate in the Program and would strengthen the definitions for dogs used in the Program. Additionally, it would clarify that the Program may be utilized not only in the courtroom but also prior to court, such as, in a pre-trial investigation, etc.