

**Testimony on HB 0536 - Favorable**  
HB 0536 – Research Facilities and Animal Testing –Regulation

Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

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Dear Honorable Chair Brian Feldman, Vice Chair Cheryl Kagan, and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

Kim Hayes, resident of Frederick MD, offers a **favorable** testimony in support of **HB 0536 – Research Facilities and Animal Testing – Regulation**

Among other regulations proposed, I understand this bill is an effort to prevent cruel testing methods, including devocalization procedures. I have to admit I was horrified to learn of this practice. I have personally undergone a highly painful surgical procedure without anesthesia, and in the process, I was amazed to learn that vocalizing my pain allowed that pain to pass through and out of me. To take that ability away from a living being who is experiencing pain is unthinkable to me and must not be allowed.

I don't believe we should ever inflict pain and suffering on another living being, but I guess we are working within the context of animal testing. So, I am in full support of any measure of improvement which this bill provides for these poor souls who deserve our protection, not mistreatment.

I (Kim Hayes) urge the committee to provide a favorable report on HB 0536.