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As your constituent, I wanted to make sure that you are aware of the recent report ranking the animal protection laws of all states and territories in the U.S. based on a detailed comparative analysis of more than 4,000 pages of statutes, tracking fourteen broad categories of provisions, the report recognizes the states where animal law has real teeth, and calls out those where animal abusers get off easy. To see how our state ranks, and recommendations for improving our own laws for animals, please visit:

<http://aldf.org/staterankings>

While many states continue to make positive progress for animals, there are, unfortunately, still many places where the laws are incapable of providing the legal protections that our country's animals need and deserve. Even in those jurisdictions that have today's best laws, there remain many opportunities for improvement. Animals do not vote -- but those who love them definitely do. Maybe it is possible to look at Illinois or other states that have better laws and programs to model SC after.

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