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To: House Corporations Committee
Subject: Testimony in support for H5214 An Act Relating to Animals and Animal Husbandry-
Psittacine Birds

Dear Chair Solomon and members of the House committee on Corporations.

Thank you for providing the space to testify on this matter. I want to express my support for House bill 5214. From my experience with rescue birds and hearing about the overwhelming burden placed on bird sanctuaries I am in support of this legislation. These birds can live for decades and many of them have intelligence comparable to babies and toddlers. Another aspect to consider is that many of these birds may outlive their owners and are inherited. This situation is usually disastrous as these birds pair bond for life and will engage in self-harm out of loneliness or grief. These birds are not suitable to be sold as pets and when their basic needs aren't met, they will act out, which includes screaming and acts of aggression. This behavior will overwhelm the owner, which in many cases leads to the bird being added to the surplus of shelter birds which furthers the issues faced by these overwhelmed sanctuaries.

Thank you for your time and please consider this bill

Sincerely,
Kevin McElroy