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Subject: Support for H5214 to Protect Parrots and Ensure Their Well-being

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Dear House Corporation Committee Members:

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 5214, which aims to protect parrots and address the current overflow of these remarkable creatures in Rhode Island. As someone who grew up with a parrot, I can personally attest to the incredible companionship and joy that these birds bring into our lives. My parrot, Danny, was a rescue with a cracked beak, and he lived into his middle-aged years, bringing immense happiness to my family with his ability to whistle all our names. My sister, Marilyn, and I still laugh about it to this day!

Parrots are intelligent, social animals that can thrive in loving homes. Finding them suitable homes not only provides them with the care and attention they need but also enriches the lives of those who adopt them. It is crucial that we handle the current overflow of parrots in a protective and environmentally responsible manner.

Many parrots originate from African and Amazonian regions, and it is essential to consider their climate resilience and environmental needs. H5214 addresses these concerns by proposing measures that ensure the well-being of parrots while also considering the environmental impact.

I appreciate the sponsors for putting forth this thoughtful and necessary proposal. As a new volunteer Board Member with VSA, Chapter 27, I believe by supporting H5214, we can create a more compassionate and responsible approach to parrot care and handling in Rhode Island.

Thank you for accepting my written testimony.

Sincerely,

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