



NATIONAL ANIMAL INTEREST ALLIANCE

Supporting the people who care for America's animals

March 16, 2006

The Honorable Bobby C. Reese
House of Representative
601-B Coverdell Legislative Office Building
18 Capitol Square
Atlanta, GA 30334

Letter in support of House Bill 301

Dear Representative Reese:

I am writing on the behalf of the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) in support of House Bill 301 to abolish illegal dog fighting by toughening the current laws.

The NAIA is a nonprofit educational organization founded in 1993 with members from all fifty states, including Georgia. Our membership consists of representatives from the business, veterinary, pet owner, agricultural, scientific, and recreational communities. NAIA and its members promote responsible pet ownership and work for improvements in the care and conditions under which animals are kept, raised and utilized.

NAIA supports this legislation because it seeks to abolish the cruelty of dog fighting and the other criminal acts associated with it such as illegal gambling. Moreover, NAIA endorses the provisions of this bill that extend criminal sanctions to anyone who wagers on dog fights or who allows their property to be used for dog fighting. The bill also brings under the sanctions of the law those who aid or abet dog fighting, as well as those who knowingly participate as spectators.

NAIA feels this is a warranted change of current law to protect dogs from this barbaric, inhumane, and violent activity that frequently results in the death or severe injury of dogs. NAIA supports your effort to abolish dog fighting. If NAIA can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Patti Strand, National Director

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