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Testimony on H.626

For the record, I am Tim Arsenault, the Town Clerk in Vernon, and the Co Chair of the Vermont Municipal Clerk Treasurers Association. I would ask The Committee to make a minor amendment, requiring the Veterinarian's office that does a rabies vaccine, to transmit it to the clerks or place it in a central data base. Putting the onus of the animal owner does nothing deal with scofflaws, of which there have been many in my small town and others. In Vernon, The number of animal registrations have gone down by 25 percent . I am worried about the potential for unregistered animals biting people. We had an instance in town last summer. The owner finally produced a rabies certificate, but only after some nervous moments for the person involved. This is a public health issue, and in my view should be given attention in the context of h 626