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employs a lot of people and puts useful products into the economy, not like those bailouts for those Detroit car companies."

Like the Occupy Wall Street activist who posted his 13 demands, she was only one person in a large, amorphous movement.

SITTING IN

Extend protective orders to pets

By Raina Baier

My name is Raina Baier and I am an eighth grader at Ipswich Middle School. I have been an advocate with the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for four years.

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, I went to the Massachusetts State House to ask the Judiciary Committee for support on An Act Relative to Domestic Violence and Animals or Senate Bill 682. This bill would provide protection for both human and animal victims of domestic violence. Did you know that 48 percent of battered women will not leave their abusive homes or will return to a violent household due to fear of what would happen to their pets that would be left behind? Or, that in a situation of domestic abuse, companion animals are often abused in order to manipulate the victim? An abuser will even harm a pet to demonstrate control/power over the victim, to coerce the victim to stay

look on so much debt.

But, like so many people, they feel they played by the system's rules — remortgaging at the banker's advice or buying a bigger house than they figured they needed because the value would only go up or sending their kids to the

beyond their anger and support and vote for such candidates. It's one thing to occupy Wall Street. It's another thing to help make it work for everyone.

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in the abusive household or to keep the victim from seeking help.

You may be thinking, "Why can't the victim simply take the animal with them to a crisis shelter?" But many crisis shelters are not equipped to accommodate pets thereby leaving the victim with the terrible choice of either seeking help for themselves and children or the safety of their pets. Hopefully, passage of this bill would dramatically reduce these statistics.

This bill (S. 682) would ensure that choice to leave pets in a dangerous situation would not have to be made by placing a protective order over not only the human family members, but also over the companion animals in the household. If the companion animals are initially included in the protective order, there would be no extra paperwork for law enforcement because this bill would simply extend the order to not only the humans in the household but

also the pets.

I personally share my life with my three cats and one dog, all of whom I love very dearly and although I have never had to make this decision to leave my home, I can only imagine the emotional pain of having to choose between the safety of myself and my mom, or the safety of my pets. I hope that I'll never have to make this difficult decision.

As Peter Singer an animal activist once said: "Pain is pain, and the importance of preventing unnecessary pain and suffering does not diminish because the being that suffers is not a member of our own species."

All of the animals need your help and support. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Animal Action Team and becoming a voice for the voiceless with the MSPCA please go to their web site at: <http://www.mspca.org>, and click on the Programs and Resources link.