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a tranquil environment for youth oriented mental healthcare

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Dear Friends,

Several years ago when my father was gravely ill, my family and I were faced with a number of very difficult decisions. My uncle Bill, a neurosurgeon, gave me five simple words of advice that carried me through that period: *Just do the right thing.*

As a child psychiatrist, I want to be on record for my position. Animal cruelty has been overlooked too long for not only its own inherent wrongness, but also in its being a "red flag" for potential for crimes against people. So I'm writing in support of the bill to make cruelty against cats and dogs a felony. Please join me. Let's send a clear message to others, both young and old: cruelty and bullying is wrong, whether it is cruel treatment of animals or other persons. We **can** *just do the right thing.*

Sincerely,



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