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Support bill that protects skunks

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Skunks are the Original American Companion Animal, they were the "noble striped creatures befriended by the natives" from Christopher Columbus' writings. It is shameful to see a country with such a proud heritage abandon and neglect one of its original inhabitants most noble and loyal companions. It saddens me to see that we have reduced this wonderful creature to a status of nuisance animal and established no law allowing any compassion to be shown to this species. These beloved animals deserve to be loved and understood.

Please support a hopefully soon to be introduced amendment to HB4632 elimi-nating the ban on striped skunks in Illinois. Establish a permit policy promoting responsible ownership of these marvelous animals. I never knew they were illegal.

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