From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Trisha Linebarger</u>

Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission

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To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>

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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

First Name: John

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I oppose the recommendation to eliminate the Licensed Breeder program. The overpopulation of pets a huge problem leading to large expenses by government agencies and private shelters and rescuers inTexas. It also leads to the euthanasia of thousands of animals statewide. animal breeders are a large source of animals that end up directly or indirectly causing these problems. Many also are run in such a manner that their animals suffer from inadequate care. They are often in areas where the usual enforcement

of regulations is almost impossible to accomplish. The Licensed Breeder Program is the only way to stop this abuse of the laws.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

The Licensed Breeder Program should not only be retained, but it should also be strengthened by changing the requirement for licensing to read, "Any person who has 5 or more adult intact female dogs or cats and breeds them to sell or exchange at least 10 animals per year must be licensed."

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree