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Agency: TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

As President of the Southeast Texas Chapter of Texas Humane Legislation Network, I wholeheartedly OPPOSE the The Texas Sunset Commission's recommendation to abolish the Licensed Breeders Program. This program needs to stay in place in order to protect animals from tremendously cruel living conditions, as well to protect the public's best interest if and when they decide to purchase a pet from an unknown puppy mill situation. Houston and the surrounding area has tremendous issues with strays and if breeders are left unregulated, we anticipate a large influx of even more animals on the streets. Females are bred until they are useless and then are killed, dumped at shelters, or released to the streets where they continue to have litters of puppies. This becomes a burden on local resources and makes neighborhoods unsafe when packs of dogs are roaming the streets. With the assistance of Texas Humane Legislation Network we can strengthen the current act and tighten the language to make it even more effective.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: n/a

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree