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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

First Name: Daniel

Last Name: Beard

Title: Retired Licensed Breeder

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State: Texas

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

The Sunset Commission's recommendation to discontinued the State License Breeder program is literally years too late. The program has closed down over a thousand hobbyist breeders driving an order of magnitude price increase on canine pets. I have also seen the guerrilla breeding explode demonstrating the program utterly made things worse not better. I agree the program had potential, but it was set up way too biased with the animal rights fanatics to the utter exclusion of the animal pet lovers and industry that supports them. Terrible example of when Texas State government gives the democratic party everything they want in a bill to the exclusion of those they intend to regulate out of business voices. This program had so much potential. But was not designed to grow and improve the pet industry but to force it into the non-profits domain.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Yes, if you keep the program; then add two advisors from the Texas Collegiate veterinary schools, two advisors from the pet retail sales industry, and expand the actual breeders seats from two to four on the Advisory board. You need better balance with the Licensed Breeder's advisory board. You also should designate all sales tax derived from the pet sales to go directly into the breeder license agency to ensure proper funding of the program. With the yearly turnover of inspectors and management, obviously there is no sincere effort in making this program responsive to the Texas Public and Breeding industry that tries to meet the demand.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree