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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 2:45:36 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)
To: Sunset Advisory Commission
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

First Name: Kathryn

Last Name: Bizzell

Title: Member

Organization you are affiliated with: Texas Humane Legislation Network

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am communicating with you to urgently express my opposition to the current Sunset Commission staff recommendation to abolish the Licensed Breeders Program, which will be considered as part of the TDLR review on December 7th.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The Licensed Breeders Program has acted as a crucial safeguard for dogs and cats across Texas and has successfully prevented the use of cruel practices by large scale commercial breeders. I am asking you to support maintaining the Licensed Breeders Program. Thank you for your time.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
To: [Trisha Linebarger](#)
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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>
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Submitted on Monday, December 7, 2020 - 11:48

Agency: TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

First Name: Kathryn

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Your Comments or Concerns:

The Licensed Breeders program has acted as a crucial safeguard against cruelty for dogs and cats in commercial breeding facilities across Texas and has successfully stopped the cycle of cruelty before it starts in many instances. .Abolishing the Licensed Breeders Program, will assuredly cause a resurgence of cruel puppy mill practices in Texas.

Your Proposed Solution:

PLEASE keep the Licensed Breeders Program in place and include the below two key changes that would close loopholes and strengthen the effectiveness of the program even further:

ITEM # 1: Remove the requirement of selling over 20 puppies or kittens to be considered a “breeder.” Many breeders operate with unrecorded and untraceable cash transactions, making this number meaningless, and allows many bad actors to sidestep oversight; and ITEM # 2: Lower the current threshold for licensure from eleven breeding females to five. This threshold is higher than any other state and has allowed large-scale breeders to masquerade as small “mom and pop” breeding operations.

My Comments Will Not Be Made Public: I agree