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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

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

The Texas Dog and Cat Breeder Act is a critical regulation enforced by TDLR, because without it, large scale commercial breeders will go back to breeding animals without oversight.

This would mean that these facilities would no longer be subject to inspection to ensure proper care of the breeding animals. Without oversight, large scale breeders can get away with keeping animals in appalling conditions, minimal veterinary care, tiny cages, with breeding animals living a life of misery. Without inspection, the animals will suffer tremendously.

The law is self funded with a \$1000 licensing fee, and for those who claim it will put them out of business, the sale of a single puppy will pay this nominal fee.

I have personally seen puppy mills and the mass cruelty endured by hundreds of breeding animals in these facilities in Texas. I never want to see Texas become a place where these cruel businesses can operate without oversight - we must ensure humane care of the animals.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Outlaw mass breeding operations entirely.

Responsible breeders will benefit from this due to greater demand from the public for pets if the cruel, mass breeding practices are eradicated.

Consumers will also benefit from this due to fewer unhealthy, defective animals being unwittingly purchased from mass breeding operations, which often leave consumers with huge veterinary costs.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree