From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Trisha Linebarger</u>

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Agency: TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

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

I understand there are legitimate breeders who want to keep a bloodline of a certain breed, but having a strict compliance in place—especially here in Texas—will not affect a legitimate breeder! Too many backyard, for profit breeders exist now. They don't care about quality, care, long term health of the breeding females nor the pups that are sold, the costs to a community when their facility becomes too much, the effect on family who watch this irresponsible breeding and results or who are forced to participate (children forced to clean kennels, etc, reference human trafficking/puppy mill case in Greenville) Please have thoughtful consideration that includes today's issues, when deciding what's best for all Texans! Please consider those of us that are in law-enforcement who clean up after puppy mills, as well as, those of us involved in the rescue organizations who have to take on the dogs from these puppy mills and attempt to pay for medical and find appropriate homes.

Thank you!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Control the amount of breeding females. Logically, anyone who runs a breeding facility can only manage and clean up after a manageable number!

Unless they have paid help! So if someone has say more than five breeding females it would require that they have hired help that helps him clean the cages and feed the animals.

Limit the amount of times a female can be bred.

Unannounced inspections!

Required veterinarian associated with breeder!

Proper nutritional guidelines in place and followed, particularly for breeding females.

Also, I have an individual who used to breed dogs for show, and she would be glad to speak to this committee about what is appropriate within a proper, legitimate breeding facility/household.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree