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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
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To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

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

I cannot think of one logical reason why the 2011 Dog and Cat Breeder Act should be repealed. Just go to the shelters, the rescue groups (formal organizations and informal networks of caring people) and you will see the result of what is even a lax law. Dogs and cats are living beings and they are discarded like trash by irresponsible breeders and citizens. I volunteer with a rescue group and was again horrified to learn of 2 dogs that were dumped in a softball field in a wire crate while temperatures were in high 90's. They were there for who knows how long before being discovered. the dogs had never been bathed, never groomed, no vaccinations - this was just cruel. There will be more of this should the Act be repealed. And keep in mind that during this economic downturn backyard breeders will not be able to sell their "inventory" and they will just dump the animals. You want to make this easier?

The state administration is sooooo concerned about protecting life - how about protecting the life of animals? Please, please do not repeal.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

My recommendation is to strengthen the protections for animals and increase funding for animal inspection and control, hold unlicensed breeders and people who abuse animals accountable with high fines and jail time. And before you repeal, YOU need to go to shelters and talk to the staffs, talk to rescue groups and get their input, hear their horror stories and take action to make things better, not worse.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree