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Agency: TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Please keep and amend this bill as recommended by THLN. There is not a single legislator who would be proud to take their children to a puppy mill--they are horrific. I know first hand. I rescued a dog that had lived 6 years in a stacked cage in Brownwood Texas. Every so often the owners would dump about 30 dogs in various Texas shelters. (A big expense for local communities). The dogs dumped were too sick to breed. I adopted one thinking he would enjoy my home. He was terrified of everything. He had never been outside of a cage. Thanks to my two other dogs he gradually became a "real" dog. Our Texas Legislature should go on record to oppose these hellish conditions--and create a "good housekeeping" seal for the breeders who care for their animals--instead of treating them like they would a hot house for parsley--meaning "how many dogs can they fit in the smallest of all spaces". You will be proud to go on record supporting this worthy effort--and your children will be proud of you. Thinking otherwise? Go visit a mill--they are everywhere. You will have to wear a gas mask as the fumes (and ground pollution) is so extensive. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Nobody should be allowed to cause animals to suffer like puppy mill owners do....

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Thank you TDLR for your thoughtfulness. Enforcement needs to stay with this agency.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree