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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: Please do not roll back protections for dogs in puppy mills and dismantle the Licensed Breeder Program. Dogs in puppy mills need our protection.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Instead of dismantling the Program, the legislature should instead strengthen it to better protect animals and families considering purchasing a puppy. Specifically, the requirement that only breeders selling 20 or more puppies and kittens be licensed should be removed because most sales are untracked cash transactions—making it near impossible to determine how many animals a breeder sells. Second, currently only breeders with 11 or more adult, intact female animals must be licensed. That number should be lowered to five (in line with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s requirement) to ensure all large-scale breeding facilities are being properly regulated.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree