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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: In response to the Texas Licensed Breeders Program (aka "Puppy Mill Regulations"), as a taxpayer, I think this is a critical regulation that ultimately reduces the burden of animal cruelty to taxpayers, while also sending a message to unscrupulous breeders that Texans won't tolerate cruelty to animals. Because this legislation is bipartisan, it brings together the best ideas in Texas to address this disturbing, but challenging problem we must face. Because TDLR has found the program to be difficult and costly to administer, I believe it's critical we work together to strengthen the regulations, so TDLR has the resources it needs to enforce anti-cruelty measures.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: In addition to the existing TDLR Licensed Breeders Program, I believe we should remove the requirement that only breeders selling 20 puppies or kittens or more per year to be licensed. Instead, let's consider lowering the requirement of 11 breeding females to 5, as this number alone allows for cruel conditions animals may be held in for breeding. In addition, we should be working together on a public awareness campaign, making sure Texans understand how to protect themselves, their families, and their pets by knowing how to verify the legal operations of breeders with whom they may transact. Please do the responsible thing for taxpayers and recommend strengthening the TDLR Licensed Breeders Program.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree