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To: [Trisha Linebarger](#)
Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)
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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 5:38:31 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)
To: Sunset Advisory Commission
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

First Name: MARTIN

Last Name: KRALIK

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: HAWKINS

State: Texas

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

Dear Chairman John Cyrier & Commission Senators & Representatives,

As the comments period is open until the end of October, 2020, I am writing you in support of the Sunset Commission staff recommended elimination of the Licensed Breeder Program.

- Having been created on the false premise of licensing 600 kennels (USDA & American Kennel Club did not support these numbers) to make it 'revenue neutral', the program has never achieved more than about 175 licensed kennels, therefore costing the state tax dollars in violation of the bill itself.
- The American Kennel Club, the largest and most successful dog registry in the world, never support this program!
- The Licensed Breeder program needlessly duplicates USDA federal standards for breeding animals for sale and duplicates Texas State animal cruelty Law. We already have some of the strictest animal cruelty statutes in the US – Just enforce them!
- The Licensed Breeder Program has failed to meet expectations of eliminating unscrupulous breeders. Instead it has caused good breeders to move out of Texas or retire their lines unwilling to allow the government unfettered access to their living room and bedroom where they breed and care for puppies, made affording a purebred dog out of reach for the majority of Americans, and is diminishing some of the best breeding lines available. I AM PERSONALLY AWARE OF TEXAS BREEDERS WHO HAVE MOVED OUT OF STATE BECAUSE OF THIS!

Shortly after the program was activated, Dr. Lori Teller, (past President of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association) resigned her position on the Licensed Breeder Advisory Committee as a testament to its failure – Quote - "I am resigning my position on the Advisory Committee. Unfortunately, I do not feel that we are going down the right road to improve animal welfare by stopping puppy mill breeders while encouraging the good breeders to continue.

I think we are driving the good breeders out of business and sending the bad breeders underground, where they will continue to crank out unhealthy animals and continue the cycle of neglect and abuse. The breeders who do seriously

care about the animals they raise and improving the breeds they are passionate about will either be out of business, or at the least, out of state. Certainly, we are not making life better for either the citizens or the animals of Texas.”

Anytime you encounter legislation relating to dogs, or hear about concerns regarding dogs in Texas or our community, I would welcome the opportunity to be a resource and share my expertise.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDED ELIMINATION OF THE LICENSED BREEDERS PROGRAM.

Best regards,
Martin Kralik

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I am writing you in support of the Sunset Commission staff recommended elimination of the Licensed Breeder Program.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

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To: [Trisha Linebarger](#)
Subject: FW: SUPPORT SUNSET COMMISSION RECOMMENDED ELIMINATION OF LICENSED BREEDER PROGRAM
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 11:17:42 AM
Importance: High

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