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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:

- 1) the law is not being enforced--yes, and whose responsibility is that and why haven't they done their job is the question to be answered.
- 2) the number of licenses for puppy mills is decreasing---yes, because the laws to license are not being enforced. Illegal puppy mills are increasing.
- 3) we don't need this law because there are already state criminal laws protecting animals from abuse--very cynical this one. We all know that criminal laws against animal abusers are rarely enforced, never to their maximum. Removing the little protection that this licensing law affords makes the puppy mill industry completely wide open to even more abuse.
- 4) the statute misses its intended target--yes, also true. But the action needed is revising the scope of the law to target the intended perpetrators--the purposely unlicensed, secretive, under the radar, backyard breeders whose conditions and business model we already know--to breed as many puppies as possible, pay no veterinary care, pay little costs as possible for clean food and water, avoid regulating authorities. Then later dump all the puppies who have outgrown their cute puppy phases and cannot be sold for profit.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please see previous response.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree