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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:

The Texas Licensed Breeders Program should be eliminated for many reasons - including the fact that it costs too much and doesn't do much to protect the public.

I am not a breeder but I do own a purebred dog. I'm 73 years old and I've had dogs all my life - all mixed breeds until 1998. That's when I first purebred dog who lived for 14.5 years. That's a long time for a German Shepherd Dog. My current dog was purchased in 2014 and I hope she lives as long as her grand sire (16 years). These 2 dogs were acquired from responsible breeders - not puppy mills or pet stores. These dogs enriched my life. They both helped me transition into an enjoyable retirement. In the process I have spent tens of thousands of dollars all across the country and especially here in Texas. I've traveled almost monthly with my current dog and husband to various dog events and spent money at hotels, food establishments, gas stations, car dealerships and retail shops. My spending resulted in income for citizens and businesses and contributed greatly to many state coffers because of the taxes collected on these business transactions.

Do not put restraints on breeders. Do not hamper the public's ability to purchase a healthy purebred dog from a respectable breeder. The potential dog owner has the responsibility of investigating the breeder, their dogs, kennels, ethics and experience, among other things. It is not the job of the state to do the potential dog owner's homework.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Adopt the recommendation to eliminate the Texas Licensed Breeders Program.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree