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Agency: TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

First Name: Constance

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Title: Board Member

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City: Dallas

State: Texas

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

I am horrified that the state would even consider "sun-setting" the Puppy Mill Bill legislation! There are many important reasons Texas needs this program to continue:

- 1. The Program prohibits Texas breeders with a history of animal cruelty from obtaining a license.
- 2. The Program is a preventive measure against animal cruelty. Without it, authorities can only act after cruelty has taken place.
- 3. Without the Program, there would be many more costly large-scale seizures of animals from inhumane puppy mills. Those seizures burden taxpayers, local law enforcement, and non-profits.
- 4. Most puppy mills are constantly in violation of State animal cruelty laws.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please say no to sunsetting this legislation. Doing so would be very unpopular with millions of Texans who are animal lovers.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree