From: <u>Sunset Advisory Commission</u>

To: <u>Trisha Linebarger</u>

Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission

Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 11:51 AM

To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>

Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

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State: Texas

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

KEEP the Licensed Breeders Program in Texas and STOP cruel puppy mill practices! I OPPOSE the recommendation to abolish the Texas Licensed Breeders Program.

The Program prohibits Texas breeders with a history of animal cruelty from obtaining a license. The Program is a preventive measure against animal cruelty. Without it, authorities can only act after cruelty has taken place. 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 like the one I volunteer for, Dallas Pets Alive!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The city shelters that our tax dollars fund are completely overwhelmed and overrun with animals.

Texas desperately needs to crack down on backyard breeders in order to get ahead of this problem. This is a public safety issue.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree