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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: I write to oppose the elimination of the Licensed Breeders and the Responsible Pet Owners programs. Texan from all walks of life enjoy the companionship of their pets and there are too many horror stories of puppy mills and inhumane practices. Further, we have learned in our criminal justice system that animal abuse is a gateway crime to people abuse, domestic violence and other violent crime. Texas must maintain a standard against which breeders as well as pet owners may be regulated and measured for the protection of all good citizens of our great state.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Your report suggests that the program pays for itself, employees 4 Texans and brings revenue into the state, in addition to providing the standard for regulation. This suggests that the program is beneficial and I would recommend that the programs continue. At a time when the entire nation is experiencing economic chaos, the additional recommendation is to expand this self-funding program to better regulate breeders and pet owners.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree