From: Sunset Advisory Commission

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

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Agency: TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

First Name: Christine

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Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Houston

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I strongly oppose the recommendation to abolish the licensed breeders program. I am a volunteer for local animal shelters and we have animals dying on a daily basis. Puppy mills and backyard breeders are a huge issue and cause for the over crowding in our city streets and shelters! If these breeders are reputable breeders, they should have no problem getting a breeders license.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Breeders should be held more accountable for the dogs they have to assure they are safe and healthy. Most dogs from puppy mills have many health issues as they start to grow. This costs adopters and rescues money to save them because of the irresponsible people who call themselves breeders.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree