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To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

First Name: Rebecca

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State: Texas

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

I oppose the repeal.

Texas state legislature is considering in its next session repealing protections formerly given to animals before they become homeless strays under the 2011 Texas Dog & Cat Breeder Act. The repeal will remove any requirement for breeders to be licensed or regulated. The exploitative nature of breeding views puppies as commodities with short "shelf lives"

because once the cute puppy has matured, he/she becomes less likely to be sold for profit. The business model for breeders is to create the highest volume of puppies, and pay no veterinary costs and minimal care costs. Many people all trying to make a quick buck produces vast numbers of unwanted litters for which there is no market. In a few short months when the puppy ages out of its "cuteness" and has not been sold for profit it morphs into "expired inventory." The former puppy--now a young adult dog--has lost its value and is only a liability to the breeder. Unsold dogs will be disposed of by the most expedient means--abandoned, given away for free (not sterilized or vaccinated), dumped at shelters or deserted roads, or even killed. Studies repeatedly show that in the dog marketplace customers consistently prefer puppies, and will pay much more for them than for adult dogs regardless of breed--sad but true.

The few protections provided by Texas law now will disappear entirely should the legislature approve this action.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please do not repeal the Texas Dog and Cat Breeder Act.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree