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Dear Chairmen and Honorable Members:

I am writing in support of Raised Bill No. 5409 which is scheduled for a public hearing on Friday, March 16, 2012.

While I was in the Connecticut Legislature, the nefarious collaboration between puppy mills and pet stores was of great concern to me. I am delighted that your committee has elected to take up this important issue so as to discourage the grotesque abuses that occur by this collaboration. Connecticut's pet stores are a partial funding source for the abuse that is inflicted upon tens of thousands of dogs throughout the United States. I believe Connecticut citizens will overwhelmingly endorse this bill.

I applaud your efforts and encourage your support in sending this bill to the General Assembly for passage.

Very truly yours,

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