

Testimony  
of  
Meridith Vallillo

Regarding Raised Bill No. 6315

Good Morning, Chairman Meyer, Chairwoman Gentile and members of the Committee.

My name is Meridith Vallillo. For the past eight years, I have owned and operated a commercial dog kennel in Bethany, CT that is licensed as a Commercial Kennel, a Pet Shop and a Training Facility.

I am here to testify in support of Raised Bill No. 6315 "An Act concerning the resale of dogs to Military and Law Enforcement agencies".

I routinely purchase and import dogs from several European vendors located in several European countries. The dogs that I import are of a very high quality, checked and vaccinated by a veterinary doctor in the country of origin and processed through US customs in New York. The dogs are checked by a local veterinary doctor within forty-eight hours of arrival and every fifteen days thereafter prior to resale.

In addition to reselling these dogs to military and various law enforcement agencies, I sell to various other state agencies such as Corrections, Transportation, Environmental and Academic Institutions.

Therefore, I request that subsection (2) of Raised Bill 6315 be expanded to include all Federal, State and Municipal agencies.

There should be no concern on the part of the State of Connecticut that any of these dogs brought into Connecticut would have any health issues.

In addition to the veterinary checks and US Customs checks, the agencies that I sell to have very demanding requirements regarding the quality and health of the dogs that I sell to them. I also guarantee the dog's health as part of the sale contract.

Thank You for your consideration of my request.