

**I urge you to support sending bill HB 5027, banning the sale of puppies in pet stores, to the floor of the House and Senate for a vote.**

**Please don't be fooled into thinking that only dog lovers or rescue groups care about this bill. There are a number of reasons to do discuss this, but rather than go into all of them here and now, please just consider this one point: Most puppies purchased at pet stores come from puppy mills. Many of these puppies pick up diseases in the puppy mill and those diseases are then transmitted to people. Young children, pregnant women, people in poor health or who have weakened immune systems are at higher risk to contract these diseases.**

**By voting against sending the bill to the floor you send a message to ALL of your constituents that you don't even think it's important to hear discussion on this. This can (and probably will) be perceived as you having a total disregard for the health of any person that comes in contact with a puppy mill dog.**

**Thank you.**

**Sincerely,  
Alexa Mullady**