

Testimony Concerning HB 5027
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I would like to thank the Environment Committee for the opportunity to express my support of **HB 5027: AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF DOGS OR CATS FROM SUBSTANDARD DOMESTIC ANIMAL MILLS AT PET SHOPS.**

I am a registered voter in Stafford Springs, CT.

Please support HB 5027. Dogs and cats bred from puppy mills and other mills are treated extremely poorly, and live in deplorable conditions their whole lives. They are used as reproductive organs to turn a profit. There is no standard of living for them, and as such, they suffer from inbreeding, diseases, and death.

Not only does it do harm to the animals, people who buy cats or dogs from pet shops (who got their animals from mills) end up with a companion who has more medical needs than a well-bred cat or dog. I personally know of a Bichon Frise who was born and raised in a puppy mill, sold to a family I've known for years, and suffered his whole life from poor health, due to the inbreeding going on at the puppy mill.

These animals suffer needlessly, selfishly and cruelly, just so the owners of mills can make money. Please help shut these terrible mills down, and pass HB 5027.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify and I do hope you will strongly support this important piece of legislation.

Thank you,

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