

Dear Committee members,

Please accept my written testimony in support of HB-5027 to ban the sale of puppy mill puppies in the state of CT.

Puppy mill puppies are all about profits to the owners of these business. It is well documented these animals are kept in unsanitary and unsafe conditions. The types of diseases these animals carry from state to state are a thread to not only healthy pets, but in some cases to humans. The puppies are not bread for disposition, health or by any standards acceptable to the health of a family pet.

Purchasing a puppy from a breeder who is registered and has a history of responsible breeding habits is no more costly than a puppy mill puppy. My daughter is a Veterinarian and it is well known in the Veterinarian industry that puppies sold in stores from these mill suffer through their entire lives from defects that are caused by puppy mill breeding and the cost of care is far more expensive than a puppy from a reputable breeder.

The only way to stop this inhumane and unhealthy practice is to ban the sale of these puppies in every state, so let's start with CT today.

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