

**Testimony Concerning HB5027**  
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I would like to thank the Environment Committee for the opportunity to express my support of HB5027 .

I am a registered voter in Bloomfield, and I am a volunteer at Our Companions

I owned a Bichon-Frise that came from a pet shop puppy mill. It was heartbreaking, and I had enormous expenses due to the genetic abnormalities in the dog. I had no way of knowing in advance of purchase that the dog would become chronically ill. I then spent thousands of dollars on three major surgeries, special foods and other needs. In the end I had to put the dog down because a fourth surgery would not have been possible. The dog suffered from bladder stones and constantly urinated blood and was in chronic pain. It was a heart break for me and my two young children who grew up with Ms. Pippin to see her become very ill and gone from their lives. If these puppy mills were forced to close it would put an end to these sad and needless experiences.

I am asking consideration to make that happen.

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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