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Testimony of State Representative Auden Grogins in support of HB 5027 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS OBTAINED FROM SUBSTANDARD DOMESTIC ANIMAL MILLS.

Environment Committee Public Hearing

Friday, March 15, 2013

Dear Representative Gentile, Senator Myer and distinguished members of the Environment Committee, for the record, my name is State Representative Auden Grogins and I represent the 129th district in Bridgeport.

I am here to speak in favor of HB 5027, An Act Prohibiting The Sale of Dogs and Cats obtained from Substandard Domestic Animal Mills.

I strongly support this legislation which would prohibit the sale of these animals originating from puppy and cat mills which treat animals inhumanely, by failing to provide them with even the most basic necessities, including proper shelter, clean water and daily exercise.

It has been well-publicized in our country that these animals endure endless suffering while living their life in squalid wire cages.

These domestic animal mills breed dogs and cats that are very sick, have untreated medical conditions and suffer from physical disabilities.

I recently read about a woman who rescued a small three legged poodle from one of these substandard puppy mills. This poor dog spent 8 years of its life in a small wire cage. He had never walked on the ground or had been given exercise. As a result, this dog lost one of its legs from an infection.

We should never condone and patronize this kind of animal cruelty by allowing the sale of dogs or cats from this inhumane industry.

For these reasons I both support and urge you to pass this important legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Auden Grogins'.

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