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Testimony on SB 445: An Act Concerning Certain Recommendations of the
Task Force on the Sale of Cats and Dogs from Inhumane origins at Connecticut
Pet Shops

Good Morning. My name is Faith Gavin Kuhn and I am Communication Lobbyist for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA represents more than 10,000 employers throughout Connecticut ranging from one-person businesses to large corporations. However, the majority of our members have fewer than fifty employees.

CBIA supports SB 445: An Act Concerning Certain Recommendations of the Task Force on the Sale of Cats and Dogs from Inhumane origins at Connecticut Pet Shops

CBIA applauds the efforts of the Task Force Concerning the Sale of Cats and Dogs at Connecticut Pet Shops from Inhumane Origins. The Task Force's recommendations are reflected in SB 445.

CBIA supports the legislation's goal to improve and provide a humane setting in which cats and dogs are sold in Connecticut. We also appreciate the legislation's nod to keeping the economic vitality of the state, our small businesses, including local pet stores, moving forward. Any outright ban on selling cats or dogs in CT pet stores would have the obvious economic hardship to the pet store industry in CT and would not be good public policy.

CBIA urges SB 445 be approved as presented by the Committee.