

I would like to thank the Environment Committee for the opportunity to express my support of SB No. 445, An Act Concerning Certain Recommendations of the Task Force on the Sale of Cats and Dogs from Inhumane Origins at Connecticut Pet Shops - AS WRITTEN.

I am a registered voter in South Windsor, and I am a member of South Windsor Kennel Club. I show and breed Bernese Mountain Dogs with great concern for health, longevity and well-being, and I support this bill's stance on standards of housing and care – in hopes that all breeders everywhere will show similar responsibility toward the puppies they produce.

This bill is reasonable to all breeders, large and small. I agree with the task force recommendations that have been approved, and I agree the recommendations that have not been included should stay that way. There are good pet shops and good higher volume breeders who should not be prevented from doing business, and any laws against them may infringe on the rights of small high-quality breeders.

Please do not make any changes, keep it “as written”.

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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