

To Whom It May Concern,

Connecticut is on the precipice of passing really substantial legislation to end the suffering of many dogs currently in puppy mills. The conditions are deplorable, and no one who has a modicum of a heart would want to see any animal living in the conditions that these animals live in. How can we help? By banning the sale of puppy mill dogs in pet stores. If there is no place to sell these dogs, the puppy mill industry will be strictly curtailed.

Therefore, I support S.B. 445, the "puppy mill bill", but with additional request to include requirements that 1) all new pet shops shall not sell commercially-bred dogs AND 2) for current pet shops, a phase-out of the sale of commercially-bred dogs. Furthermore, I would wholeheartedly support legislation in the future that would ban the sale of all puppy mill dogs in the state of Connecticut. There are so many wonderful dogs right now in shelters across this state who will eventually be euthanized. In other parts of the country, dogs sold in pet stores comes strictly from shelters. This could occur in Connecticut as well if we just put our minds to it and have the compassion to see it happen.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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