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Dear Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile and distinguished members of the Environment Committee.

I am submitting 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. This bill passed in 2013. The way it is currently written, it does not cover the intent of the original bill.

It was brought to my attention that there are thousands of people offering to do pet boarding or sitting in private homes. We currently require that boarding facilities be properly licensed by the State of CT and insured. By placing a pet in a private home there is no protection for the consumer to be assured of a properly run facility. There are questions as to what happens if their dog bites someone, they offer to administer medications although there is no over sight or proof of their ability to properly do so. What happens if my dog runs away while in their care? In addition, these home businesses are hurting our licensed, tax paying facilities.

Over-site is almost impossible unless a complaint is lodged with local zoning officials or if there is a problem with a home boarder. Much like our Home Improvement Contractors requirement, it was our intent to require home boards to advertise their license numbers when advertising their services. This offers consumers some level of confidence that they are choosing a legitimate, licensed and insured provider.

The language change that I am proposing is such:

"Any person offering boarding shall be required to display their license number in such advertising".

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Rose".

Kim Rose
State Representative
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