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TESTIMONY SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF DOAG COMMISSIONER STEVEN REVICZKY

I am Laura "Peach" Reid, President and Owner of Fish Mart Inc, a tropical fish and pet wholesale distributor to retail pet stores throughout the northeast for the past 40 years.

Additionally, I am on the Board of Directors of PIJAC (Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council), the national pet trade association. It is in this capacity, since the middle 1980s, that I have had the honor and pleasure of working with people in various State Departments, and this includes Commissioner Reviczky.

I, along with other members of the pet industry, have found Commissioner Reviczky to be readily available to us, receptive to our concerns, interested in learning about pet shop operations and our commitment to our animals and the public, and is very fair-minded overall.

He helped negotiate major bills, such as the pet shop puppies bill last year, and has been involved in ensuring that all dog and cat importers be regulated. His staff is likewise available and helpful, for which we are very appreciative.

It is the mutually respectful relationship that we have with the department, lead by Commissioner Reviczky, that is the foundation for our support in his re-nomination.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Laura "Peach" Reid

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