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Senator Kennedy, Representative Albis, and honorable members of the Environment Committee,

I am here to testify in strong support of HB 5148 An Act Making Minor Revisions to the Provisions of the General Statutes Regarding Commercial Kennel Services Advertisements.

This problem that HB 5148 addresses was brought to my attention by numerous licensed boarding facilities throughout Connecticut. I have investigated several "private" facilities in my district and have discovered disturbing facts.

Licensed boarding facilities in CT are regulated and must adhere to local zoning regulations; they pay a licensing fee to the State of CT and collect sales tax on boarding. In addition, they are subject to other business related costs including liability insurance.

Through my investigation of home based, non-licensed businesses I found that they do not have the same business based costs to do business nor do they collect sales tax. They also do not carry the proper business insurance. This means that if I board my pet in someone's private home and my dog bites someone or another animal, who is liable? Additionally, what would happen if my dog becomes injured while in their care or escapes from their care? As a consumer I am not properly covered.

This bill is a public service, consumer oriented bill. It would require boarding facilities to advertise their license number in all of their advertising. This is the same requirement that has to be met by home improvement contractors.

I trust that you will recognize the serious problems that home based businesses can cause to the consumer as well as taking away business from those who are running their boarding facilities legally. I urge that you move forward with this bill, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Rose".

Kim Rose  
State Representative