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To: CTPS
Subject: testimony

Please accept the testimony below on behalf of Reed Boccuzzi and Kathy Mercaldi:

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I am pleased that our government has taken on the task force for the inhumane treatment and selling of diseased puppies and kittens in our community. The onslaught and unethical business practices, excessive breeding and animal mill type retail outlets victimizing the public with a promise of friendship, love and the caring of animals unable to care for themselves. The love at first sight deception of the consumer in thinking you were purchasing a healthy animal to be part of our family, which in fact was not. Rick Doyle has been convicted in other states for animal cruelty, and with this information available it is unbelievable that he was allowed and licensed to continue in the state of Connecticut. Upon discussion with Mr. Doyle he stated he would reject any other action to continue of repayment of Vet bills by us speaking to any legal representation of the state of Connecticut (which I took as threatening behavior on the owners part) And promptly the Danbury police department was dispatched to the location with knowledge that we have contacted Congress Women Kupchick. I will provide any information necessary to prove this condition to Giovanni was present at the time of purchase. But unknown to us we were told he had his 1st wellness visit with shot necessary for his age, that in fact he only needed to be neutered and directed to a website that we were unable to access. Once he showed signs of illness the owner gave us a voucher to take him to his contracted vet immediately for care at Plumtree Veteran hospital and diagnosed with the wet form of FIP with his suggestion of placing him to sleep on 10/2 with a final second recommendation from the Cat Clinic on 10/16. I purchased Giovanni Mid-September. 10/16 the humane thing was to stop his suffering in which an official autopsy was done that confirmed FIP carried by the mother to Giovanni. I have learned there is no test to confirm FIP just symptoms, but the Owner assured me they were tested which is a lie. My question to you is should he continue to be allowed to sell animals with diseases that are incurable, with his past history why he is still allowed to conduct this type of business here in our state. Our kitten has already infected other animals who are currently for sale in the Danbury store, unbeknown to consumers. The twenty day contract I signed is designed to protect breeder from liability from selling sick animals .FIP is a mutated form of corona virus (the common cold) and with cats there is no cure. Rick Doyle has been convicted for cruelty to animals and selling sick animals and continues to do so.

- V Rick Doyle, Owner of Puppies & Kittens pet store (Wappingers Falls, NY) and American Breeders pet store (Danbury, CT) arrested 4/26/11 and charged with Cruelty to Animals and Selling Diseased Animals.

Sincerely,

Kathy Mercaldi & Reed Boccuzzi

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