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To whom it may concern,

This is my testimony for the pet store legislation.

As a connecticut constituent, I ask that Connecticut require pet stores to humanely source only from shelters or rescues (and prohibit sourcing from breeders).

-Millions of pets, born from breeders, end up awaiting adoption at rescues and shelters. Indeed, these dogs & cats are not wild and not feral; they are from breeders.

-Worse, commercial breeders mistreat animals resulting in disease and torture of animals who have been neglected in filthy, stacked cages for their poor, doomed lives.

- Even worse, many of these forgotten animals from breeders are given away for free left to be used as bait dogs in animal fighting, used in unnecessary medical experiments in labs, further tortured and abused by other serial predators looking for free victims (like the infamous "puppy doe" case which is all too common with the popularity of the internet, craigslist, ebay, facebook and instagram).

- More than 5,500 dogs are euthanized per day in the united states alone at shelters because of overpopulation. The number is even higher for cats!

-Pet stores that have changed to source only from rescues and shelters have seen a jump in adoptions/sales of pets. They have found that there is no negative monetary detriment to the pet store. In fact, the sales grew.

Please end the cycle of overpopulation of pets, animal abuse and neglect. Please prohibit sourcing from breeders. Please require pet stores to source from rescues and shelters.

Thank you, Hope Sweeney. (westport, connecticut)