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**From:** Judy Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 11:04 AM  
**To:** CTPS  
**Subject:** testimony

To whom it concerns,

My name is Dave Miller. I am currently the President of Missouri Pet Breeder Association (MPBA). MPBA is absolutely committed to the care, health and welfare of the animals we have the privilege to keep, as well as, share with pet owners across our nation.

To those individuals who will decide, to ban or not to ban the sale of puppies in pet stores, I ask you to base your decisions on facts and not emotions.

#1 In most cases a puppy in a pet store has been nurtured and cared for since birth by a person who cares for puppies every day.

#2 A puppy in a pet store has been on a disease and parasite prevention regimen designed by a licensed veterinarian since birth.

#3 A puppy in a pet store has had numerous examinations by several veterinarians.

#4 We must all accept the fact that we do not live in a perfect world. We cannot totally eliminate disease in our pets anymore than we can eliminate disease in the human race.

My wife and I own a kennel which is licensed and inspected by the Missouri Department of Agriculture and the USDA. Our puppies are sold and transported all across the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

While we sell most of our puppies directly to their ultimate owner, we do sell a few to pet stores and some of those stores are in your state. If you choose to ban the sale of puppies in pet stores there could be a significant impact in Missouri. However the real losers will be pet buyers in your state and pet ownership as a whole.

Before you make your final decision please examine the motivations of those who support the ban. One group is made up of elitists who think that the average American should not have a purebred pet. The other group is made up of animal rights activists who think that no one should own a pet.

I trust that you will make the right decision and allow the pet store owners in your state to continue to prosper.

Sincerely,  
Dave Miller  
MPBA President