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**Message Body:**

It is very important that pet stores in CT remain open for a number of reasons. First, you are assured of getting a healthy pet, as they are constantly monitored by vets. When you adopt, you could be adopting a pet with physical or emotional issues. If you reject the proposed legislation, you will allow pet store employees to keep their jobs, therefore not adding to already high unemployment rates. Another important point is that if pet stores remain open, you are giving people a choice as to where/how they wish to obtain a pet. If pet stores were to close, people would be forced to either adopt, or have to travel long distances to purchase from breeders. This is not always feasible. For example, I am disabled and unable to drive. It would be impossible for me to travel to a breeder location, since animals are not allowed on mass transit.

The best option for all concerned--both animals and humans, would be to keep pet stores open, therefore giving people options for obtaining pets.

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