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I am in Support of this Bill and allowing Pet Shops Freedom!



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February 28, 2023
RE: Comments in support of MO HB 995
 Dear Committee Members: On behalf of the responsible pet care community, we ask that you support the passage of HB 995. As the advocacy voice of the responsible pet care community, the Pet Advocacy Network represents the interests and expertise of retailers, companion animal suppliers, manufacturers, distributors, pet owners, and others involved in the many aspects of pet care across the United States. Our association works to promote animal well-being, and responsible pet ownership, foster environmental stewardship, and ensure the availability of healthy pets through our work at the state and federal levels—including the United States Department of Agriculture, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We routinely advocate for legislative and regulatory proposals to advance the public interest of protecting public health and the safety, health, and availability of companion animals. All of us in the responsible pet care community don't just care about animals, we provide care for them daily—and are dedicated to ensuring that appropriate care of animals is the primary focus of any law or regulation. As such, we offer an unmatched depth and breadth of experience on legislative efforts to verify and certify the health and well-being of pets from the time they are born all the way until they are taken home and made a part of families. What we don't need in 2023 are more unnecessary barriers to pet ownership, like the local pet sale bans this bill seeks to quell. The care and companionship of pets is integral to not only the emotional and physical well-being of many Americans, but also to the strength and stability of our economy. According to the 2021-2022 American Pet Products Association National Pet Owners Survey, 70% of U.S. households own a pet, which equates to 90.5 million homes. Missouri is an integral part of the American pet sector that contributes \$260.5 billion directly and indirectly to the U.S. economy; 2.78 million U.S. jobs are directly and indirectly linked to pets, U.S. households spent \$93.95 billion on their pets and \$23.4 billion public revenues were generated by consumer expenditures on pets from local, state and federal taxes. View an infographic on the economic impact of the Missouriian pet sector here: <https://petadvocacy.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/MO-Infographic.pdf> All that local pet sale bans succeed in doing is running reputable businesses out of town, eliminating a transparent and trusted local source of pets, while further restricting consumer choice when it comes to selecting the pet that is the best fit for their family's lifestyle. The past several years have been incredibly challenging, particularly for small business owners. Representatives at all levels of Government should be doing everything in their power to support responsible small businesses, especially those that are highly regulated. These local pet care businesses are committed to the health, safety, and wellbeing of the animals they provide to families as establishing life-long quality relationships with pet owners is vital to sustain their businesses. And small pet stores can't compete with the volume pricing for pet products that online or big-box retailers are able to offer, so they also depend on their ability to offer families healthy pets as

an integral part of their business model. Without pet stores to personally interact with and select their new pet, families may turn to online sources, where they could fall victim to “puppy scams” that the Better Business Bureau has reported have surged in recent years— where folks are tricked into sending unrecoverable money for a nonexistent dog. While there are reputable and responsible online sellers, the Better Business Bureau has stated that fake online puppy sellers and puppy scams have dramatically increased by 39 percent since 2017, and up to 80 percent of sponsored online ads for puppies may be fake. Victims of these puppy scams often have no legal recourse because they purchased from a source without regulatory oversight and without a purchase warranty to protect them. Many pet stores that sell puppies provide protections that can include replacement of the animal, a refund of the purchase price, and/or reimbursement of veterinary expenses, generally up to the purchase price of the animal. In this way, pet stores are further incentivized to work with quality breeders to ensure that the dogs they offer are healthy and well-bred. We ask that you support HB 995; common sense legislation to make sure that pet owners across Missouri continue to have reliable access to healthy animals to love as pets now and in the future. Sincerely, Ashley Brinkman Director of Government Affairs



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WITNESS NAME: SAMANTHA BOYLE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: BOYCE VENTURES LLC DBA PETLAND - JOPLIN		TITLE: OWNER
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WITNESS NAME: AIMEE UJKA		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am opposed to this bill because dogs are suffering everyday in the state of Missouri due to Puppy Mills. People are being mislead into thinking they are buying a healthy, purebred puppy when in reality, they are purchasing a sick, worm ridden, possible parvo positive mutt. Some of these puppies die within a week of purchase and people do not get their money back. They are being given "loans" with high interest rates to purchase these dogs. The breeding dogs are kept in deplorable conditions and have no quality of life; covered in their own excrement. Abused, neglected, starved. If this bill passes, you are all letting animal abuse continue to thrive in the state of Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: AISLINN MCCARTHY-SINCLAIR		PHONE NUMBER: 707-494-9046
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WITNESS NAME: ALBERT TRAN		PHONE NUMBER:
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These operations aren't regulated enough. Otherwise there would be better reputations among lower level breeders.



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I'm appalled at the overreach of the state legislature. Municipalities should be able to maintain their own control over business standards/practices/codes. Puppy mills and the pet stores they support spend fair too much money and time in our Jeff City.



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WITNESS NAME: AMBER SELLER		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: ANDREA JOHNSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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I'm a Kansas City, Missouri resident and volunteer at our local animal shelter, KC Pet Project. Every time I volunteer, I see the impact of puppy mills and their outlets like Petland. For the last year, shelters across the country have been overrun by homeless dogs. Puppy mills pump out poorly bred dogs, who often get dumped when their health problems become evident. I strongly oppose protecting Petland and other puppy mill shops like them, because there is already so many dogs who never find a home and live their last days in the stressful shelter environment. Missourians care about our animals and oppose animal cruelty. I call on you to vote against this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: ANDREW AMESBURY		PHONE NUMBER:
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Hello! My name is Andrew Amesbury, I live in St Louis so I was not able to attend and give testimony in person. I strongly oppose the proposed legislation which removes regulations from pet shop owners. I believe strongly that the current laws in effect are important to prevent puppy mills, known for their cruelty and neglect, from growing and causing countless dogs to suffer. Shelters in St Louis and Jefferson County are already so full of wonderful dogs that need homes, more puppy mills would mean more homeless dogs and further strain on already thinly stretched shelter and rescue infrastructure.



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WITNESS NAME: ANDY BRISCOE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-248-9136	
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WITNESS NAME: ANGELA SPLITTGERBER		PHONE NUMBER:
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This legislation is entirely about protecting Petland—a controversial, out-of-state corporation known for selling sick puppies from cruel puppy mills—and it's 7 Missouri locations. There are no local ordinances regulating the sale of puppies in pet stores in Missouri, but Petland is apparently so threatened by the mere possibility of local regulation and is so desperate for a win that they are targeting our state with this preemption bill. Petland has failed everywhere it has attempted to pass a bill like this since 2016. It would be unconscionable for our state lawmakers to force cities to accept the import of puppy mill puppies to be sold in pet stores considering Missouri shelters and animal control agencies are locally funded and most are already overwhelmed as they work to manage pet overpopulation. Missouri remains the puppy mill capital of the nation, yet there have been commendable improvements to our laws and enforcement mechanisms in recent years. This bill would be a big step in the wrong direction, showing that Missouri protects puppy mills and their pet store sales outlets above all else. There are no consumer protection exceptions in the bill so if a customer purchases a dog that has health issues that weren't caught by Petland's vets, there is no recourse and the customer will be forced to pay all vet bills. There are no public health protection exceptions so a zoonotic disease outbreak would not be curtailed as quickly if we are completely reliant on the state to take action meaning more dogs and potentially people could get sick.



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WITNESS NAME: ANNA DELABAR		PHONE NUMBER:
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As a veterinarian and graduate of The University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine, I voice my strong opposition to HB 995 and encourage you to do the same. This bill provides protection from local oversight to an industry with a long history of practices which compromise the health and welfare of animals. Practices including, but not limited to, the purchase and sale of animals with undisclosed infectious diseases, put these animals at risk as well as other animals in our communities. The transfer of sick animals compromises the health of animals at the locations, while also risking exposure to animals in the community. The Petland model facilitates the interaction of dozens of people each day between their pets and animals in the store, increasing the likelihood of disease outbreaks spreading into communities through exposure to family pets. A prime example of this negligence is the 2019 outbreak of multidrug-resistant *Campylobacter* which spread from a single Petland store to over a dozen states. Furthermore, this bill has does not allow for exceptions related to animal welfare protection. Petland has been linked to poor management and diseased or dead animals dozens of times. Without the ability to regulate pet shops at a local level, violations of our animal welfare laws are likely to go unnoticed and therefore allowed to continue. Should HB 995 be enacted, local ordinances related to animal welfare that would have otherwise been applicable to pet shops will not have the ability to intervene. I strongly encourage the members of this committee to stand up for what is right by standing in opposition of HB 995.



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This bill provides no recourse for individuals who purchase a dog or any other animal from a pet store that is sick or has a congenital illness, forcing them to foot expensive veterinary bills and maybe even watch their new dog pass. It also fails to protect public health as there is no excpetion for cities or counties to be able to act swiftly if there is a disease outbreak, putting our pets and communities at risk. Lastly, this bill will only aid in the continued expansion of our state's puppy mill problem.



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WITNESS NAME: BARB VANDERBEEK		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am against this bill as it printed the sale of puppy mill dogs that often suffer from many ailments from inbreeding and the distrusting circumstances they are raised in. Pet land should be supporting rescue dogs for adoption in their stores because many are euthanized every day



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Please stop this bill HB 995 We don't want interference in local operations.



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Stop this cruelty! How do you live with yourselves knowing that you allow these horrific puppy mills to exist- and then even allow businesses like PetLand to support and profit from such inhumane operations? Stop it! For the love of money... greed is evil- Wake up and stop this God-forsaken cruelty!



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Pet shops are cruel and inhumane! Stop animal abuse and normalizing such.



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The state of Missouri absolutely should not protect the sale of animals from cruel puppy mills while our shelters and animal control are completely flooded. It would be inhumane to protect puppy mill sales over our current overflow of homeless pets.



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As an animal lover and volunteer for animal shelters in the Kansas City metro, I have seen first hand the harm that has been done to dogs rescued from puppy mills, the main suppliers for businesses such as Petland. It is not unusual for puppies purchased from Petland to be ill when purchased. I do not support this bill. Respectfully, Cindy Marshall 816-305-2940 cmars57368@aol.com



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Puppy mills are horrific operations that **MUST** be stopped. Regardless of whether you care about animals' lives (which you should), Petland and other pet stores that sell puppy mill dogs are a danger. Deadly diseases are carried by these puppies, such as parvo and distemper, which then spread to other dogs, indulging your family dogs. There is no health or temperament testing, meaning dogs with unpredictable behavior are being bred constantly, and considering the abuse they face in puppy mills, I doubt they're super people friendly. This is our chance to stop missouri from being the puppy mill capital.



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Pet store have no business selling dogs and cats. They should promote animal shelter pets.



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I am writing to record my opposition to HB 995. This legislation is entirely about protecting Petland—a controversial, out-of-state corporation known for selling sick puppies from cruel puppy mills—and it's 7 Missouri locations. There are no local ordinances regulating the sale of puppies in pet stores in Missouri, but Petland is apparently so threatened by the mere possibility of local regulation and is so desperate for a win that they are targeting our state with this preemption bill. Petland has failed everywhere it has attempted to pass a bill like this since 2016. It would be unconscionable for our state lawmakers to force cities to accept the import of puppy mill puppies to be sold in pet stores considering Missouri shelters and animal control agencies are locally funded and most are already overwhelmed as they work to manage pet overpopulation. Missouri remains the puppy mill capital of the nation, yet there have been commendable improvements to our laws and enforcement mechanisms in recent years. This bill would be a big step in the wrong direction, showing that Missouri protects puppy mills and their pet store sales outlets above all else. There are no consumer protection exceptions in the bill so if a customer purchases a dog that has health issues that weren't caught by Petland's vets, there is no recourse and the customer will be forced to pay all vet bills. There are no public health protection exceptions so a zoonotic disease outbreak would not be curtailed as quickly if we are completely reliant on the state to take action meaning more dogs and potentially people could get sick. Do not pass this bill for the sake of the animals and public safety.



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I am a graduate of the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine. I encourage you to oppose HB 995. This bill gives blanket protection from local oversight of an industry linked to purchasing and selling animals with undisclosed illnesses and congenital diseases. The transfer of sick animals puts the health of other puppies at these locations at risk while also potentially being the source of a disease outbreak like multidrug-resistant Campylobacter, which we saw spread from a Petland store to over a dozen states in 2019. The Petland model necessitates the interaction of dozens of people each day with their puppies and other animals in the store, increasing the likelihood of another outbreak of this and other diseases. It also runs the risk of bringing an illness home to a family pet. Additionally, this bill has no exceptions for animal welfare, and Petland has been linked to dozens of instances of poor management and diseased or dead animals. Without the ability to regulate pet shops at a local level, violations of our animal welfare laws and any local ordinances related to animal welfare that would have otherwise been applicable to pet shops are more likely to go unnoticed and unrepaired. I strongly encourage the members of this committee to oppose HB 995 for the reasons listed above.



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WITNESS NAME: ELIZABETH ORECK		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SOCIETY		TITLE:	
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CITY: KANAB		STATE: UT	ZIP: 84741
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Honorable Chair Murphy, Vice-Chair Van Scholack, Ranking Minority Member Bangert and esteemed Committee members: Best Friends Animal Society and our Missouri members, supporters and partners respectfully submit our opposition to House Bill 995, which would effectively strip Missouri localities of their ability to regulate pet dealers. Pet mills are a serious problem in the U.S. These facilities, which supply nearly all retail pet stores and online retailers that sell purposely bred pets, are cruel and inhumane breeding factories in which profit takes priority over the health, comfort and welfare of the animals. Although the USDA regulates many of these breeders, the minimum federal standards do not ensure a humane life for animals. Commercial dog kennels can legally have more than a thousand dogs in one facility, and those dogs are allowed to be confined to very small cages for their entire lives, breeding continuously in order to produce as many puppies as possible for the pet trade. And USDA inspection reports show that many USDA-licensed breeders continue to sell animals to local pet stores even after being cited for serious violations at their facilities. In other words, having a USDA license does not ensure humane or responsible breeding. Because the focus is solely on profit, pet mill owners cut all possible corners to keep their overhead low, at the expense of the health and well-being of their animals. For the unsuspecting consumer, this frequently results in the purchase of a pet facing an array of immediate veterinary problems or harboring genetic diseases that surface down the line. This creates a financial burden on the consumer and results in many of these animals being surrendered to overcrowded, taxpayer-subsidized shelters. Thus, this is not just an animal welfare issue but a consumer protection concern that has a direct impact on taxpayers. It makes little sense to continue manufacturing dogs and cats while so many are being killed for lack of space. Public education has been effective, but until states take the initiative to limit the supply of pets being imported from mostly out-of-state, substandard commercial facilities, there can be no hope of preventing these unnecessary deaths. Pet stores rely on commercial pet mills and their distributors to supply their pets because ethical breeders won't sell to pet stores for two simple reasons: it's not financially viable and they don't sell to third parties. They want to know where those pets are going. They want to meet the people who are going to care for that animal. And that's why the pledge never to sell a pet to a pet store can be found verbatim in every reputable breeder's code of ethics, including virtually all of the parent breed clubs promoted by the American Kennel Club, as well as the national cat fancier associations. Ethical breeders encourage potential buyers to visit the home where the animals were bred, they conduct an interview to be sure the match is the best one for both the buyer and the animal, and they require a contract that requires the buyer to provide good care, to spay and neuter the animal, and to return the pet to the breeder if things don't work out at any point over the pet's lifetime. These sensible provisions cannot apply when animals are sold through pet stores. Also concerning is the fact that 21 states have been hit by an outbreak of a strain of bacteria (Campylobacter) that is linked to pet shop

puppies. *Campylobacter* is resistant to antibiotics and contagious to humans. Now more than ever, Missouri residents should not have to worry about being exposed to this serious public health threat. Those who benefit most from companion animal sales in pet stores are the retailers themselves. While they may profit from the practice of buying these pets at a low price from commercial brokers and then selling them at a high price (typically without first spaying or neutering them), it is the taxpaying public who pays for animal control to house and euthanize excess animals in the community. Further, many pet stores are frequently accused of predatory lending by offering financing upwards of 160%, creating a serious and unexpected financial strain on the consumer, sometimes resulting in an obligation for ongoing payments for a pet that is deceased. Pet stores that sell commercially bred pets can choose to be part of the solution rather than the problem by phasing out the sale of commercially bred pets in favor of other common, profitable revenue streams such as pet product sales, grooming and day care, and by offering space for animal rescue organizations to adopt out animals from those stores, as so many pet stores across the U.S. already do with great success. Pet stores that have transitioned from selling milled dogs and cats to offering rescued pets for adoption have found this animal-friendly model to be both viable and embraced by the communities in which the stores are located. Therefore, allowing localities to restrict the retail sale of pets does not preclude pet stores from doing business, but does, in fact, alleviate a significant burden on local shelters by increasing pet adoptions. Further, it does not prevent anyone from purchasing a pet directly from a private breeder. Nearly 500 cities, counties and states have enacted retail pet sales legislation in order to effectively address the problem of puppy and kitten mills from the point of sale. While statewide commercial breeder regulation is important, it should not preclude localities from taking even more stringent steps to eliminating the puppy and kitten mill problem in their own communities. Allowing businesses that profit from the sale of puppies from mills to determine how localities choose to regulate their businesses is not in the best interest of those communities and their residents, nor of the state. In view of numerous concerns regarding HB 995, Best Friends Animal Society and our Missouri members, supporters and partners respectfully ask that you not move the bill forward. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Sincerely, Elizabeth Oreck National Manager, Puppy Mill Initiatives Best Friends Animal Society bestfriends.org



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i am in opposition to selling companion animals i pet stores!



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The practices of Petland are disgusting and inhumane and need to stop. Please the consider the abuse and neglect these poor animals suffer through each day when "raised" at puppy mills and then sold at Petland in horrible conditions.



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Petland has repeatedly violated their own promises to only buy from breeders with clean histories of animal treatment. If this bill passes, municipalities and counties would be unable to crack down on puppy mills, giving puppy mills operators a green light to continue inhumane practices. - Petland has been linked to disease outbreaks that put public health at risk. Without local oversight, more immediate action cannot be taken to slow the spread of potentially dangerous illnesses that can harm both animals and humans.



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This bill will protect the unethical practices and puppy mills. Missouri has some of the best pet rescue organizations in the country and these rescues are overpopulated with excellent pets.



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Why can't animals have the same HUMANE treatment as humans? Think about the actual animals instead of the money being given to the puppy mill industry. Also, emails aren't real people?! Do you see understand how stupid that sounds??? Seriously.



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You know, if you have ever worked in rescue, this would not even be a point of discussion. Our 'GREAT' state of Missouri is not number 1 in the production of anything but puppy mills. If this bill passes, I will never again vote for anyone currently sitting in this office. If you do not know the difference between right and wrong, take a jaunt down to a shelter, attend a rescue of a hoarder/breeders place. The sooner you recognize that companion animals should be treated as more than personal property, the sooner you will understand what our state really needs. For me it is a sad day as a Missourian that this would even be considered for passage. What should be considered for passage is bills to make sentences harsher for animal cruelty and abandonment. Rescues, like the one I work with, rely solely on donations. We would have more than enough to do simply by helping with animals who are orphaned through death of their human. Families who experience loss of home or job or both. Situations of abuse in the family. But, no. We have to deal with puppy mills, who pour our thousands upon thousands of animal who lack in proper health care due to irresponsible breeding. Puppies who are interbred to the point they suffer from all sorts of genetic diseases. This also applies to cats/kittens and other exotic pets. The hard thing to do, and the right thing to do are usually the same thing. I have the privilege and honor of being mom to a 3 legged beauty named Sassy, who came from a hoarding situation in SEMO. I started as her foster and ended up adopting her because our rescue felt they were going to have to pour so much money into her on a "maybe", that they would not be able to help any other pets in need for the rest of the year. She still had one more surgery and subsequent rehab that will cost our family in excess of 6,500.00 dollars. But she is amazing and I would sell all I own to help her be the healthiest girl she can be. She will be 4 in August and she has been a part of my life since she was about 6 weeks old. Until you have lived or seen this type of thing, you are in no position to agree to pass any kind of bill that will promote this horror show. For once, do the right thing!!!!



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I am opposed to having a bill that allows pet stores to buy from puppy mills. They harm and neglect dogs in their care and only want the end result, money at any cost to the animals in their care.



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It is no secret that Missouri struggles with a puppy mill problem while shelters run over capacity time and time again to care for pets who are abandoned, neglected, or abused. Taking control out from people who live, work, and invest their community and leaving it in hands of corporations who only care about profit and not the quality of care or life of the very living beings that they profit horrendously off of, does not make sense. How can a corporation dictate what is best for a community if they do not live and participate in said community aside from business transactions? The influence and voice of a community should stay with its people, not corporations. The shelters, the staff, and the animals affected need help. This bill will further strain the resources available and endless lives will be impacted. Every living being should have a right to a quality of life, not just humans.



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This legislation is bad for Missouri. Bad for pet owners. Bad for animals. Bad for your chances of re-election. Missouri already has the worst laws in the country regarding the breeding and protection of innocent animals. You have already overturned the "Puppy mill bill" that was passed by a majority of Missourians. People don't like when you undermine democracy. So, go ahead and pass this bill if you want to keep digging the grave for the Republican party. Sincerely, Jay Wohlert



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This bill gives exclusive protections to stores like petland, placing them above any and all local control measures meant to protect public safety, consumers, and animal welfare. Please stop these type of pet shops from selling animals from inhumane breeding conditions and unsafe practices toward animal health.



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End the puppy mills. Our state is a national disgrace in this area.



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These animals endure abuse and neglect in puppy mills and then are sold in poor condition to Petland.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: JUDY SHREVES		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: judyshreves@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2023 11:15 AM
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Please do not let pet stores sell puppies. There are so many waiting for their forever homes in shelter.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: JULIE KLEIN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: julie.klein13@outlook.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2023 10:00 PM
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I strongly oppose this bill.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: KELLY BLISS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: kbliss21@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2023 11:23 AM
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Please do not support this bill. It is well known that Petland and other pet shops buy puppies from less than reputable breeders, puppy mills and class B dealers. This is not only an atrocity against animals, but also against the unsuspecting public who are simply ignorant of this. The public is not aware of the fact that female dogs are bred until their frail bodies literally shut down. I have worked directly with dogs and puppies rescued from puppy mills. They arrive emotionally shut down, physically in peril. Please choose to be part of the solution by supporting our animals. The way we treat our children, elderly and animals truly defines who we are as individuals. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: KELLY SHADER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: kshader68@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2023 6:22 PM
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I am a real person. I have a real email. And I find it really difficult the need to explain why puppy bills need to be banned. It's starts with basic ethics.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: KLARISSA SKINNER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: klarissaskinner@gmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2023 3:12 PM
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I oppose HB995 as an volunteer in the animal welfare community.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: LAURA ANDERBERG		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: lesz82@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2023 1:46 PM
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Missouri is already known as the puppy mill capital of the US and that's not a good look for long-term. We have so many animals at rescues right now and I believe all animals at any animal store should be from rescues and adopted instead of being considered merchandise and sold at some places as Petland does. Google Petland and HSUS investigations and tell me where you and your family stand on pet stores after watching the videos. Pets are family and not merchandise!



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: LAURA SCHMIDT		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: addandcheck@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2023 7:11 AM

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Stop puppy mills. We don't need animals to suffer in Missouri. Stop this bill.**



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: LAURA UMPHENOUR		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: laurasmk4u2@aol.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2023 12:26 PM

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Missouri Voters passed The Puppy Mill bill overwhelmingly. Missouri Voters, your Constituents oppose Puppy Mill stores and breeding facilities. Stop over riding the PEOPLES vote.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: LISA BREGANT		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: lisabregant@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2023 10:55 AM
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As a voter and resident of Missouri, I am writing today to ask that you oppose HB 995. I believe cities and counties should have the ability to pass ordinances that they might feel is best for their community. Specifically, this bill would take away the local control that often protects our neighbors from puppy mills and their ability to sell sick puppies in pet stores our communities. These same pet stores are also offering predatory finance loans with interest rates reaching upwards of 188%. Our cities and counties should absolutely retain the right to oversee this issue when it is occurring in their area. Missourians are well-known for their love of dogs. Please protect animals and consumers, your constituents, not puppy mills, and oppose HB 995!



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: LIZZY GIBSON		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: lizgibson112@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2023 2:46 PM
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Missouri shelters and neighbourhoods are already severely overpopulated with dogs and cats. Puppy mills and sale of pets in pet stores horrifically contribute to this crises and their practices should not be encouraged.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: LOU ANN NODINE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: illucy@msn.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2023 3:27 PM
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Missouri is the puppy mill capital because elected officials allow it. Giving business like Petland extra protection proves you condone the awful conditions dogs are raised and breed in. Shame on Missouri and anyone protecting the torture of dogs for profit.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: LYNNE E MOELLER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: moellermom5@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2023 12:41 PM
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Missouri is known as the Puppy Mill Capital or the US. I'm the president of a nonprofit that supports the shelter animals in St Louis County. Thousands of animals are killed in Missouri shelters each year from overpopulation. Support of this bill is contributing to the very problem we are trying to help and fix. Please consider looking at the issues that stray animals face and how pet stores (hence puppy mills) are a main factor. Missouri doesn't need more dogs.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: MAKENZI MEYER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: makenzimeyer@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2023 11:01 AM
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I am a resident of Missouri and have been all my 25 years of life. I actually grew up in Jefferson City and lived there for 18 years before moving to Springfield. I work a full time job and cannot take off of work to travel to attend this hearing. My email opposing this bill was real and needs to be heard. You should take into consideration how many emails you received during that short amount of time and realize that the residents of Missouri care about animal welfare! We don't want puppy mill owners to get away with treating animals poorly. We don't want pet stores that sell animals in our state!!!! We care about this issue! You shouldn't automatically assume that the emails are fake. That is absurd! I oppose this bill with every ounce of my being.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: MARGARET SUZANNE HANNIBAL		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: hpeg@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2023 3:32 PM
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Many, many consumers are aware of the potential dangers posed to public and animal welfare by pet shops. Knowingly contributing to the detrimental measures posed by HB995 is not only negligent but irresponsible. Measures need to be put into place that are meant to protect public safety, consumers, and animal welfare. HB995 does just the opposite and only proliferates a danger to the welfare of people and animals. Please vote no on HB995. Only local oversight can protect us all. Thanks very much.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: MARY J JENKINS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: janiej63@aol.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2023 2:46 PM
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This dangerous bill gives exclusive protections to pet stores like petland, placing them above any and all local control measures meant to protect public safety, consumers, and animal welfare. No other business receives this special treatment. I oppose.



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WITNESS NAME: MARY SLATER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: mctom72@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2023 11:20 AM
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Missouri cities and counties should be able to decide what types of businesses are allowed within their borders. The Missouri legislature is overwhelmingly "conservative" and traditional conservatives believe in local control. The committee needs to walk the walk and allow the locals to control their locality!



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: MARY STAFFORD		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: xkuzme@att.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2023 4:11 PM
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Do not let pet shops or puppy mills sell or breed puppies for profit



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: MELISSA MCCOY		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: mel.m.mccoy@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2023 8:15 AM
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Missouri is an embarrassment when it comes to laws protecting animals. We are known as the puppy mill state and have 30 of the top 100 offending puppy mills in the US (who sell to pet stores)—not the honor we want. We need stricter laws to hold breeders accountable and we need to stop the sale of pets through commercial pet stores. If our lawmakers won't protect these animals at the very least let local governments decide and do the right thing.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: MINA PSZONKA		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: mina.pszonka@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2023 12:30 PM
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This bill prevents local policy makers from deciding what is best for their communities, and protects puppy mills. I urge you to educate yourself about the puppy mill industry, this is not an emotional issue but an ETHICAL one. This bill protects puppy mills, and puts their communities in harms way. Besides the extreme animal abuse, pet stores can charge up to 200% interest on a 10,000\$ dog that is sick. Do better.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: MINDI CALLISON		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: BAILING OUT BENJI		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY: AMES	STATE: IA	ZIP: 50010
EMAIL: mindy@bailingoutbenji.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2023 10:09 AM
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The right for cities and counties to regulate what is happening locally is an extremely important part of government. To strip any portion of that away sets a dangerous precedent. The voices of and emails sent by Missouri residents should carry more weight than the profits of an out-of-state corporation.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: NIKI PARRISH		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: noparrish5678@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2023 1:14 PM
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Animals should never be intended as ours to breed for profit, etc. By protecting puppy mills & pet stores, you're condoning just that. Please see that this is not a moral or logical future for animals in our society. It is against the balance of nature & the universe. It is our job as their brothers & sisters, to fight for the voiceless & stand to protect the used & abused.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: PHYLLIS A KASPAR		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: kasparkritters5@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2023 11:29 AM
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There are hundreds of dogs being euthanized not enough homes and to many animals. Petland has sold and continues to sell unhealthy dogs that are kept in small cages and sold for expensive prices . While dogs are over breed living in deplorable conditions just for profit !



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: RACHEL SPEED		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: rachelghana@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2023 1:30 PM
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I am writing to oppose HB 995. I do not believe that puppy mills should be given more protections or that local communities should be prohibited from establishing their own ordinances regarding pet stores. I am aware that Missouri is the number one state in regards to number of puppy mills. I am also aware that the Humane Society for the last 10 years has rated Missouri the worst state in terms of how puppy mill dogs are treated. It is hard for me to imagine the life of a puppy mill dog. They can be kept in wire cages that are only 6 inches longer than their bodies, preventing them from turning around comfortably. They can be bred every cycle and never see the light of day. It is also legal to kill a dog after she can no longer have puppies. What kind of life is this for an animal who is intelligent loving loyal and able to give so much to others? Pet stores are full of puppy mill dogs. Many of them are sick or become sick when they are taken home. I understand that puppy mills make money for the state of Missouri. It seems we live in a society today where everything is monetized. Policies and decisions often leave out ethics and morals regarding what is the right thing to do. Politicians want to support their constituents but at what cost to the greater good? Please oppose this bill.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: RAELI HOWERTON		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: raelihowerton2020@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2023 6:13 PM
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I purchased a dog from Petland. Although I wouldn't change anything in regards to getting her there have been struggles. She has been diagnosed with far more health issues than any of our other 4 dogs, 3 of whom are also pure bred.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: RHONDA BANFORD		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: pawprint12@charter.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2023 10:44 PM

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As a child, my family unknowingly purchased a puppy that came from a puppy mill. All the puppy did for the first three days was sleep--all day long. On the fourth day, we took the dog to the vet, only to be told that she was severely anemic and would be unlikely to make it. I fed the puppy milk from an eyedropper since she was too weak to eat. My puppy, Patty, did not last the week. I was seven years old, and I was devastated. Please don't let this happen to others by allowing unhealthy puppy mill dogs to be sold at pet stores.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: SAGE VERMONT		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: sage.vermont99@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2023 2:21 PM

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This bill would get cruel puppy mills a free pass. Anyone who cares about animals cannot support this



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: SALLY MORGAN		PHONE NUMBER:
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I'm opposed to allowing pet stores to 'sell' puppies/dogs. By allowing this practice, these pet stores are supporting puppy mills. The horrific conditions that these poor dogs have to endure is cruel and must be stopped asap. If operators of puppy mills have no large outlet to sell these poor babies, they will go out of business. The reputable pet stores that I frequent DO NOT sell puppies/dogs, they allow rescue groups to bring in pets to be adopted out which is the way it should be. Please do the right thing and stop pet stores from selling puppies/dogs. BTW, I am a registered voter in Missouri that pays attention to what is going on in the political arena.



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Have any of you worked in a shelter? Do you realize the gravity of the situation? We should absolutely not be breeding & selling more animals. The homeless pet problem is out of control and shelters cannot keep up. Who is left to clean up this mess? Volunteers, animal activists, and mostly women who already have several rescued animals. The breeders, Petland, and men lobbying for this bill are nowhere to be seen and they're the ones with blood on their hands. If you pass this bill you *will* see and hear from us. That is a promise.



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This bill gives exclusive protections to pet stores placing them above any and all local control measures meant to protect public safety, consumers, and animal welfare. No other business receives this special treatment. Many of these stores repeatedly violated their own promises to only buy from breeders with clean histories of animal treatment. If this bill passes, municipalities and counties would be unable to crack down on puppy mills, giving puppy mills operators a green light to continue inhumane practices. Pet stores have been linked to disease outbreaks that put public health at risk. Without local oversight, more immediate action cannot be taken to slow the spread of potentially dangerous illnesses that can harm both animals and humans. Pet stores have repeatedly sold puppies with undisclosed illnesses and congenial diseases and leaves new owners with expensive vet bills and sick puppies that oftentimes do not recover. This bill prevents local action from being taken to stop and correct this practice. Please do something to stop Missouri as being known as a state that does little to protect animals



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Dogs being sold at pet shops are coming from puppy mills, which are not regulated and often times are selling sick animals. The shelters and rescues are full of animals and the puppy mills are just adding to the problem. Before I had knowledge of puppy mills and had just lost my dog, I found myself at the mall and at a Petland store. I fell in love with a dog and bought her for \$1200 took her to their vet in order to have checkups done per their requirements. Once my dog reached a year old she started having seizures. I had to have her put on medication and she is now 10 and has lived on medicine for 9 years, and she continues to have occasional seizures. After doing research this unfortunately is a very common problem that people experience with adoption from Petland. Due to the crisis at shelters and rescues and so many animals that are homeless, there is not a need for pet stores selling pets.



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WITNESS NAME: STEVEN RUSSEL VON TALGE		PHONE NUMBER:
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Missouri is already known as the puppy mill capital of the US and that's not a good look for long-term. We have so many animals at rescues right now and I believe all animals at any animal store should be from rescues and adopted instead of being considered merchandise and sold at some places as Petland does. Google Petland and HSUS investigations and tell me where you and your family stand on pet stores after watching the videos. Pets are family and not merchandise!



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Pet Shops do not need protection but animals who cannot speak and individuals who buy them need all the protection they can get. It also increases the chances of the animal coming from one of Missouri's puppy mills and may not be healthy through no fault of the poor animal. Please, please do not pass this bill.



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This is Dangerous legislation that has been introduced in Missouri. This bill would stop all future humane pet store ordinances on the city and county level.HB 995 is a "pet store preemption" bill that would prevent local policy makers from deciding what is best for their communities, while providing protections for the puppy mill industry. Missouri is known as the puppy mill capitol of the world. This is an industry that treats their breeding dogs and puppies like merchandise and are kept in inhumane conditions. Countless rescues work to save and rehabilitate the puppy mills' cast offs. That is, poor innocent dogs and puppies that are no longer of financial interest to them.And often the puppies that are purchased from puppy mills by irreputable pet stores, are often sickly.



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All animal feel pain, fear, desperation. Please help stop the cruel exploitation of animals that suffer so due to puppy mills and retail establishments that put profits over animal welfare. Vote down HB 995.



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Missouri is already notorious for allowing puppy mills and profit minded breeders to abuse animals. It is disgusting that the state made the top spot on the Horrible Hundred list of dealers cited for violations including unsafe cages and inadequate protection from the elements. Rescues throughout the state see breeder released dogs that would make anyone cringe. Any legislation lessening regulation would be a step backwards. If anything the body should look at tightening regs and banning pet store sales.



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I oppose allowing Pet Stores in Missouri to be able to sell pets to people. It's wrong, it's dishonest and the sales tactics include heavy pressure with extremely high interest rates. Animals are often sourced from puppy mills and contribute to Missouri being one of the worst states, if not the worst, in the # of puppy mills and cruelty cases.



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Petland is not a responsible organization. And this bill is overreaching. Please do not support this.



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I am indeed a real person in opposition of the pet store preemption bill. Our community should have a say as to whether or not we want to see animals continue to suffer in puppy mills and puppies suffering after their born.



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I oppose puppy mills and forcing them on the state! Shelters are already full so we don't need more puppies or dogs in the state. It could be devastating to the health of all dogs in the state. Please say no! There is nothing positive about this!



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These "pet shops" only add to the issue of overcrowded shelters in the State of Missouri. Puppy mill pets are mostly the sole source of these places and there is not enough regulations and inspections to control the quality of these breeders. I oppose this bill for the reasons stated above.