

Submitter: Louise Ross

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor

Measure: HB2915

To the Honorable and Dedicated Members of the House Committee on Business and Labor:

I respectfully request that you vote in support of HB 2915 to prohibit retail pet stores from offering to sell or selling dogs and cats. A majority of puppies sold in pet stores are from puppy mills, which essentially are horrible animal factories.

By not allowing pet stores to sell dogs and cats, people will be encouraged to adopt animals from shelters, where there are millions of wonderful pets in need of good homes.

Let's not encourage people to profit off of the misery of another species. Puppy mills are run not for love but for profit. As a result of the focus on the bottom line, puppy mill animals live in horrible conditions, cramped and disease-ridden spaces, with little or no veterinary care.

HB 2915 has the ability to encourage people to adopt animals from shelters. From personal experience, I can assure that animals rescued from a shelter know what you are doing for them and are eternally grateful.

You have the power to do the right thing. I trust that you will vote yes on HB 2915.

Respectfully,
Thank you