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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor

Measure: HB2915

Dear Chair Holvey and Committee members:

I strongly support HB2915 and urge you to do so as well. Besides the inherent cruelty of raising puppies and kittens in inhospitable, crowded, filthy commercial breeding operations that put profit above kindness, the animals are often exposed to disease and receive inadequate food, socialization, and veterinary care. They can also suffer lifelong physical and behavioral issues.

Reportedly, an estimated 3.1 million dogs and 3.2 million cats enter the shelter system each year in the U.S. Each and every one of them are in dire need of a good home and shouldn't have to compete with cruelly-bred animals. Prohibiting their sale in retail stores will encourage more people to adopt companion animals from shelters or rescue groups. Please help stop the retail sale of cats and dogs across our state by supporting HB2915.

Thank you for your time and compassion.