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I am writing in support of SB 1076. I moved here from Colorado where we had a similar bill - called PACFA (Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act). Colorado has fewer puppy mills and pet stores that sell puppies than states that do not have this kind of law. Puppy mills are horribly cruel places where dogs suffer greatly and ALL puppies in pet stores come from puppy mills. In Colorado I worked at a large animal shelter where pets had to be euthanized - for medical and behavioral reasons and also because of time and space limitations. I have also been active in the dog sports world - obedience, agility, scent detection and tracking - and I know that breeders and the AKC oppose this kind of regulation. They are hypocrites who will vilify shelters and rescues that must euthanize dogs, but they will oppose any law that regulates breeding. Thank you for proposing this law - it will help animals and it will also alleviate the suffering of the people who work in shelters and rescues who voluntarily take on the task of dealing with a problem created by disreputable breeders and sellers.