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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1076

To the members of this committee,

This bill may be well intended, but it is poorly written. It appears it tries to target backyard breeders whose animals may end up in shelters or cause hardship to owners with vet bills, but the people who will be hurt will be the actual rescues and foster facilities who are trying to place rejected animals. Most of these operate on donations and are barely staying in the black. They should be totally removed from a fee system. It will be exceedingly difficult to target backyard breeders with this bill. How are the Dept. of Ag employees supposed to find them? Are you depending on snitches? No backyard breeder is going to apply for a registration, but will continue to hide their business, and most don't employ services of veterinarians, so you can't dig information out of them. Legitimate breeders not only produce dogs for companionship, but help supply dogs for the blind, veteran support dogs, 4H and FFA animals, and seniors' companionship dogs. This bill will target them more than anyone. This bill needs to be dropped and some intellect put into building a new bill that will at least target backyard breeders in an enforceable way. Please consider all the facets that are involved in this poorly written bill.

Sincerely,
Richard Dunham