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HB 548

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oppose HB 548

To whom it may concern,

1. I believe the intent of HB 548 has merit, however, the following section from the proposed legislation concerns me;

(6) This section applies to facilities, including commercial breeders, pet stores, animal rescue shelters,

and humane societies, that sell more than 20 adult dogs a year.

The reference to "that sell more than 20 adult dogs a year" implies something other than a breeder, kennel, or pet store operation supplying puppies to willing buyers. It seems to me puppies are the principal concerns that may warrant regulation, not entities that supply fully grown, or adult dogs. I believe the bill should clarify this category or difference, e.g. what is an adult dog, and why not include sub-adult dogs (puppies) in this description?

Thank you.

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