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HUMANE SOCIETY



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Senate Agriculture Committee

Re: SB 414

Members of the Committee;

My name is Gayle Broberg, and I am the director of the Golden Belt Humane Society in Great Bend. It has been brought to my attention that there is a bill before the committee regarding changes to the Pet Animal Act. I understand that the suggestion is to relax the inspection requirements for breeders and distributors.

I am speaking from the experiences of the frequent use of our old shelter building for kennel/breeder seizures by the Animal Health Department. We are fairly centrally located in the state, so it is often a convenient site for them to do their initial assessments of the animals taken into their custody. In considering some of the neglects that I have witnessed, I would be horrified to think that inspections would be LESS frequent.

Kansas was, at one time, known as one of the most notorious states for "puppy mills". Through years and years of hard work by the Animal Health Department, we are now setting a good example for other states to follow. Please do not send us back to the "Dark Ages" of animal cruelty. Don't allow animals being kept in sub-standard conditions to live and die that way, if our inspection standards are relaxed.

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Please consider amending SB 414 to require at least annual inspections of facilities and licensees under the KPAA and retain K.S.A. 47-1712(c). Thank you for the opportunity to be heard.

Respectfully, Gayle Broberg