

To: Senate Agricultural Committee

From: Joshua and Tara Dillow

Dear Senators,

My husband and I have been raising English Bulldogs and Labrador Retrievers for the past eight years. We currently have twenty eight adult dogs. We have worked very diligently in keeping our kennel up to date and up to the ever increasing USDA and State Requirements. It is our goal to maintain clean and clear inspections. I myself, Tara Dillow, hold dual offices for our local Kansas Pet Professional chapter; I am also a proud member of our state advisory board. We have been proactive in continuing our education in not only the care of our animals, but their health, kennel quality, and improving a rapidly diminishing career field. We attend lectures every three months from various speakers at our local chapter meetings, and also at our yearly state conferences. Our USDA number is 48-A-2019 and our KS State license is RB-2878-2013. My husband works outside of the home and makes a modest income. I however, am a stay at home with three young children. We have raised our dogs from puppies and have spent the last 8 years increasing our facility. We understand that there is a need to raise fees, and would agree with that. However, a twenty five percent increase would be much easier for us to afford versus a fifty percent increase. I know there are several breeders in our area who have been in this business for frankly longer then I have been alive, I would hate to see these increases deter their love for this business and cause them to close their facilities. I ask that you take into consideration the amounts of good, honest, licensed, ethical breeders, who continue to follow the rules set before them, who may have to give up their passions due to the drastic increases.

Sincerely,

Tara Dillow

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