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To whom it may concern:

My name is Lola Tate and I currently work for Puppies Extraordinaire, LLC. in Whiting, Kansas. Before Chris & Lorilee Thomas purchased this facility in 2011, I worked here, for the previous owners, Richard & Opal Featherston, of Royale Kennel, Inc. for more than 20 years.

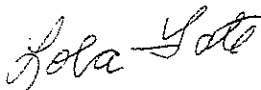
I have worked in the agriculture industry my entire life and have seen many changes throughout the years. I enjoy working in this part of the industry because of my love for the dogs. I am at retirement age, but because I love the animals so much I choose to continue working with them.

Senate Bill #57 proposed fee increases are very unreasonable and overly excessive. I depend on this job to supplement my social security income. I have watched the cost of dog food, medications, veterinarian services, etc. rise over the years and yet the price for a puppy hasn't changed with the times and due to our recent state of the economy, excessive licensing fees is not what this industry needs right now.

Raising fees isn't the right decision. Please make the appropriate changes to **SB#57** by keeping the current fees of \$200 for a license. I thought that **ERO #40** was supposed to save money by combining the Animal Health Dept. with the Department of Agriculture? Shouldn't it be reasonable to think then that the fees could stay the same? Please do not pass **SB #57** out of committee without addressing the increase in fees --as this directly affects, not only MY livelihood, but all the many great Kansans who choose to work in the Dog Industry. This bill affects *many* lives because if their small business cannot make ends meet, I (along with several others) will lose my job and put our State's economy further into jeopardy.

Sincerely,

Lola Tate



Senate Agriculture Committee
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Lola Tate, former Breeder
SB57