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To: Senate Agriculture Committee

Dear Senators,

My husband and I have had a licensed, professional kennel here in the state of Kansas since 1996. We raise several different breeds and have approx. 130 adult dogs and raise about 150 litters of puppies a year.

We participate in the K.E.E.P program and have had a 5 star rating since its inception. We are members of the Kansas Pet Professionals and attend yearly seminars to keep us educated and informed about our industry. We believe that the Kansas Pet Animal Act is a great asset to us and our business. It puts us above the other states when it comes to how our puppies are perceived in the market place.

When we were moved to the Department of Ag with ERO #40 it was suppose to save money. We are now being proposed a huge increase in fees from \$200 to \$500. This seems like an excessive amount in a time when we are all struggling with this economy. Please do not pass Sb57 our of committee without addressing the increase in fees.

Our Kansas license has always been a premise based license not a business license. We are not sure the AG department understands this. That is ONE premise equals ONE license. Therefore only ONE inspection is required per ONE premise.

We strongly believe that the Advisory Board should be appointed by the Governor as it has been in the past. Every licensed group should have a representative on this board and that individual (with the exception of the private citizen) have a current Kansas Pet Animal Act license. We need input, advise and guidance from those who live these laws daily.

Please take these points into consideration for SB #57 or leave it alone until the Advisory Board and the Ag Department can agree on any and all changes.

Sincerely,

Delmar and Kathy Loe

Senate Agriculture Committee

Date: 2-6-13

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Delmar and Kathy Loe, Breeders

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