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April 8, 1991

VIA FAX

The Honorable Jim Allen
 State Capitol
 Topeka, KS 66612

RE: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB-431 AND SB-434

Dear Senator Allen:

Since I am unable to be in Topeka to appear in person before your committee, and our other officers are spread out over the state and are likewise unable to attend, please let this letter serve as the KANSAS COMPANION ANIMAL ASSOCIATION's testimony in opposition to SB-431 and SB-434.

We oppose any bill which leaves the Companion Animal Program ("puppy mill program") under the Livestock Commissioner, as well as any bill which would place the program anywhere in the Department of Agriculture. Our companion animals are not livestock, nor are they agricultural products.

While we also oppose statutory advisory boards for this program, SB-431 goes even further by suggesting an advisory board to the Livestock Commissioner comprised mainly of people he is supposed to be regulating. This is certainly not the way to repair this state's image or get Kansas breeders and brokers back in the marketplace. If the industry could heal itself, goodness knows it's had 40 years to do it, so what's been stopping them?

SB-434 proposes six of its nine advisory board members be people the Livestock Commissioner is supposed to be regulating. Even more ridiculous, it requires licensing and mandatory inspections for people with three or more intact dogs, and requires a \$300 license fee from those people. The Legislative Post-Audit Report clearly documented that state inspectors are unable to perform even half the statutorily required inspections as it is. Now this asinine bill proposes an attempt to inspect show breeders, while there are hundreds and hundreds of large, unlicensed kennels still operating in this state!

Both of these bills eliminate the hobby breeder class, which we cannot support at this time. We have never asked for anything that wasn't fair or right, and we just can't see the fairness in someone with 10 dogs paying a \$300 license fee, while a USDA-licensed breeder with 500 dogs would pay only \$150. Nor can we support mandatory statutory inspections for tiny operations while the large, unlicensed ones go on their merry ways.

Sincerely,

Kathy McKee
 KATHY MCKEE, President.

Senate Agriculture Committee

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Attachment # 8-1

Sen Holmes, letter relating to
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Dear Senator Allen:

The JOHNSON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY vigorously opposes both SB-431 and SB-434. We oppose leaving the Companion Animal Program with the Livestock Commissioner; oppose advisory boards with a majority of their members from the industries the boards assist in regulating; oppose compensation of advisory board members; oppose the elimination of the hobby breeder class; and oppose \$300 license fees and mandatory inspections for breeding operations with as few as 3 dogs or cats.

These bills will only serve to bring more negative attention to this state, and I will once again prophesy that if this Legislature doesn't act soon to separate these little dogs and cats from livestock and agricultural interests, this state--and those industries--may face the worst onslaught of bad publicity, boycotts, and smear campaigns we've seen yet.

I urge you to have a vision of peace, prosperity, and just doing what's right.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

KATHY McKEE, President

Senate Agriculture Committee
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