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Representative Kyle Hoffman, Chairman
House Agriculture Committee
Kansas House of Representatives
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**Re: Proponent of Amendments to Senate Bill 47
Only Written Testimony**

REVISED WRITTEN TESTIMONY

E-Mailed: John.Wiley @house.ks.gov

Dear Representative Hoffman:

I will be direct and to the point. I was the co-architect of the original Pet Animal Act. I have been involved at various times with commercial kennel legislation. I support the amendments to Senate Bill 47 for the various reasons that proponents have stated.

It is time for the state to protect good breeders and crack down on those breeders, shelters, and rescues that are not providing adequate care. Remember, Kansas has a very low minimal care requirement for companion animals.

Shelters and rescues do not get notification that they are being inspected. Breeders do. In my business, we were audited by the state regarding our trust funds. The state did not tell us they were coming. They just showed up at our door and told us they were doing an audit. It was good public policy.

Kansas has a terrible reputation as a "puppy mill" state. I hope with passage of good legislation we can correct this image. Kansas needs to stop the abuse to its companion animals. Kansas should be able to claim that a puppy purchased in Kansas is a healthy animal. It is good public relations and good consumer protection.

Sincerely,

Ginger Barr

Kansas House of Representatives 1982-1990