

Legan Rose

From: Black Cat <blackcat2@wowway.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 8:07 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB4838

Dear Members of the House Government Operations Committee,

I am reaching out today to ask for your support in protecting our dogs and cats from inhumane conditions. It should not be legal for these animals to be raised in factory farm settings, puppy and kitten mills.

These animals give so much to us humans and it's our responsibility to protect them.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Leeanne O'Hara
2380 Cambridge Road
Berkley, MI 48072

Legan Rose

From: Caitlin Drzewiecki <caitlindr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 8:11 AM
To: Rep. Tyrone Carter (District 1)
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Legan Rose; Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: House bill 4838

Dear Mr. Carter and members of the committee,

My name is Caitlin Drzewiecki and I live in Detroit. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in May 22nd's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Caitlin Drzewiecki

Legan Rose

From: Sue P <spalmer5785@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 8:12 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Passing this bill

I fully endorse this bill. Let's help our furry friends.

Julian Palmer

3813 Ellwood

Berkley, Mi

Sent from my iPad

Legan Rose

From: Linda Hutchings <lhutchings652@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 8:25 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: I support HB 4838
Attachments: 005.JPG

To: clerk of the House Government Operations Committee:

My name is Linda Hutchings, 4138 Catalpa Drive, Berkley, MI 48072. I am writing in support of HB 4838. I had the emotional experience of adopting a puppy mill rescue dog and have seen first-hand the harm that such a life can give to an innocent animal. Heather was kept pregnant for most of her life. She had never played with toys as a puppy; in fact, she was afraid the first time I threw a ball for her to catch. She had severe anxiety and an untreated heart condition as well as other emotional and physical issues. She had never received a veterinarian's care in her 7 years of life. Despite the difficulties, I was able to give her a loving home for her remaining years, which were far shorter than they should have been given her previous neglect.

No animal deserves to be treated that way, and I encourage you to pass HB4838 as a step in making Michigan a humane environment for all of our loved companions. Thank you.

Linda Hutchings

Heather:

Legan Rose

From: Alexis Ferman <alexisferman91@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 8:35 AM
To: Legan Rose; Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: House Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Alexis Ferman and I live in Detroit. I am writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Thank you,
Alexis Ferman

Legan Rose

From: Nikolas Leible <nikleible@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 8:48 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: House Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Nikolas Leible and I live in Plymouth, Mi. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,

Legan Rose

From: Aaron Green <green.aarond@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 8:54 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); bryanpostumus@house.mi.gov; Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: I support HB4838!

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Aaron Green and I live in Troy, Michigan.

I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. Breeding more animals when so many are already languishing in shelters and suffering on the streets is irresponsible and is both a direct and indirect source of systemic animal abuse.

I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry. You, the committee members, have the ability to end this awful practice. Please take that step.

Sincerely,

Aaron Green

Legan Rose

From: C Osborne <cco.est.1978@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 8:55 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB4838

Carla Osborne
1691 Dorothea
Berkley Mi 48072

HB 4838

I am in full support of HB 4838 and ask that you pass this bill today. This bill will protect our animals, stop Michigan from contributing to the puppy mill pipe line, and protect the consumers. Dogs sold in retail settings often come from puppy mills who are breeding 100's of dogs at a time. These dogs are then kept in cages, have little to no socializing and are riddled with health issues. Dogs are sold to the consumer at a 100% markup and are often predatory financed by these store at 25-40% interest. Dogs are sold sick with no recourse for the consumer, and they are then potentially spreading disease in our community. I support independent small breeders, who are reputable and have the dogs health and wellness in their best interest. But retail stores do not source dogs from these breeders because reputable breeders care about who the dog is going to be raised by. I ask that this bill be passed today, May 22 2024

Thank you,

Carla Osborne

Sent from my iPad

Legan Rose

From: Kelley Kanclerz <kelleykanclerz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:02 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: Concerned Citizen of Plymouth

Dear Ms. Rose and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kelley Kanclerz and I live in Plymouth. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee Meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Kelley Kanclerz

Legan Rose

From: Alison Schlick <alison.schlick@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:10 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: House Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Alison Schlick and I live in Madison Heights, Michigan. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,

Alison Schlick

Legan Rose

From: Judith Zorza <jmzorza@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:14 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Humane Pet Store Bill

To the Clerk of House Government Committee

My name is Judith M. Zorza and my address is 4220 Buckingham Ave. Berkley, MI 48072 and I am writing this note to voice my support for House Bill 4838

I am a FIRM supporter of this bill, as I am an animal lover, ASPCA donor



and believe ALL creatures deserve to be treated humanely. Please vote yes for this very important bill because pets deserve the best for all they give us in return.

Thank you for your time.

Judith M. Zorza

Sent from my iPhone

Legan Rose

From: Savannah Sherman <sherman.savannahr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:17 AM
To: Legan Rose; Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Jamiegreene@house.mi.gov
Subject: SUPPORT for HB 4838

Good morning,

My name is Savannah Sherman, 2112 Oakshire Ave. Berkley, MI, 48072, and I'm writing to support HB 4838, banning the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits. Closing the loop on mass puppy mills, breeders, and brokers, will alleviate straining our shelters and depleting rescue resources.

This bill is a long time coming and I am grateful for your support.

Best,

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Savannah R. Sherman
sherman.savannahr@gmail.com
231-881-5222
Detroit, MI

Legan Rose

From: Lauren Dolega <lauren.dolega@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 2:15 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Please support HB 4838

Dear Members of the House Committee on Government Operations,

As a Michigan resident, I urge you to support the Puppy Protection Bill, HB 4838, which will drive the pet market towards more humane and consumer-friendly sources by prohibiting the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores.

Michigan pet stores have repeatedly been linked to massive puppy mills in and around Michigan, where abuse is prevalent. We have seen these stores put a strain on consumers through their high interest rate loans and selling unhealthy puppies. Not to mention the already exhausted rescues and shelters that are having to clean up after the puppy mill issue by taking in sick or unwanted (no longer "cute" puppies).

Pet stores do not need to sell live animals to make a profit. Research has shown the most profitable business focus on pet products and services. Michigan residents will still be able to get their pet (dog, cat or rabbit) from the many rescues and responsible breeders in the state.

Please support HB 4838!!

Thanks,
Lauren Dolega
586-292-6123
Franklin, MI

Legan Rose

From: Kate Brindle <katebrindle@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 1:49 PM
To: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90)
Cc: Legan Rose
Subject: I hope you'll support HB 4838

Dear Chair Liberati, Vice Chairs Pohutsky and Posthumus, and Members of the House Committee on Government Operations,

I write to you as a concerned resident of Michigan, kindly urging your support for HB 4838, also known as the Puppy Protection Bill. This crucial legislation aims to steer the pet market towards more ethical and consumer-friendly practices by phasing out the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in pet stores in our state.

It's no secret that many Michigan pet stores source their animals from notorious puppy mills with abysmal records of animal welfare. Families who purchase pets from these establishments often find themselves grappling with costly veterinary bills due to health issues or facing a lifetime of medical complications for their beloved companions. Additionally, many unsuspecting customers fall prey to predatory financing schemes when purchasing pets.

By focusing on pet products and services, these stores can still flourish without contributing to the suffering of animals. Michigan residents will continue to have ample opportunities to find their perfect pet companions through shelters, rescues, and responsible breeders who sell directly to the public.

I ask that you please stand on the side of compassion and consumer protection by voting HB 4838 out of committee.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Best,

Kate Brindle
215 N. Ball Street
Owosso, MI 48867

Legan Rose

From: Lange, Ashtyn <langea4@northwood.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 9:23 PM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: Yes to House Bill 4838

Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Ashtyn Lange and I live in Dearborn. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in tomorrow's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Vote YES on HB 4838

Sincerely,
Ashtyn Lange

Legan Rose

From: Traci Lange <tsmall1221@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 9:27 PM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65); Rep. Alabas A. Farhat (District 3)
Subject: Vote YES on HB 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Traci Lange and I live in Dearborn. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in tomorrow's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Vote YES on HB 4838

Sincerely,
Traci Lange

Legan Rose

From: Brandie Younce <neonebula@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 9:31 PM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Lauriepihutsky@house.mi.gov; Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: House Bill 3848 for 5/22 meeting

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee:

My name is Brandie Younce and live in Royal Oak. I'm writing to ask that you submit a card voicing my support for House Bill 3848 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support the abuse of dogs in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes this important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Brandie Younce

Sent from my iPhone

Legan Rose

From: Holly McCarthy <mccar298@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 9:56 PM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Lauripohutsky@house.mi.gov; Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: Support for House Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Holly McCarthy and I live in Fraser, MI. I am writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

V/R

Holly McCarthy

Legan Rose

From: isabella price <isabellaprice2086@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 10:07 PM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17)
Subject: Please - 5/22 Bill to Ban Retail Sale of Dogs, Cats & Rabbits

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Isabella Price and I live in Canton Township, MI. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Isabella Price

Legan Rose

From: Sarah Forsthoefel <forsthoefelsarah@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 10:29 PM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: URGENT RE: House bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee, My name is Sarah Mato and I live in Novi, MI. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care very deeply about the animals in our state and do NOT support their abuse in puppy mills. They need us to speak up for them. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit the cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Sarah Mato

Legan Rose

From: Stella Johnstone <stellajstone11@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 10:30 PM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17)
Subject: Support for House Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Stella Johnstone and I live in Ferndale, MI. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Stella

Legan Rose

From: ANDRAYA CLERMONT <andrayac@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 10:36 PM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: Vote YES on HB4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Andraya Smart-Foster and I live in Bloomfield Hills. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Andraya Smart-Foster

Legan Rose

From: Barry Brickey <bearcat4@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 10:44 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: House Bill 4838

Dear Ms Rose,

My name is Barry Brickey and I live in Monroe, MI. I am writing in support of House Bill 4838 against the sale of rabbits, dogs and cats in retail sales. Please submit a card voicing my support of this bill in today's Government Operations committee meeting. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Barry Brickey

Legan Rose

From: K K <kristinakolbas@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 10:53 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Support 4838

Dear Ms. Rose & members of the Committee,

My name is Kristina Kolbas and I live in White Lake, MI. I am writing that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838. I care about the bunnies and animals in our state. Please follow the example of other states and outlaw puppy mills and other animal mills. Please. ❤️

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22 May 2024 at 8:32 AM

To: LRose@house.mi.gov

Cc: TullioLiberati@house.mi.gov

lauriepohutsky@house.mi.gov

BryanPosthumus@house.mi.gov

MikeMcFall@house.mi.gov

JairneGreene@house.mi.gov

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is ____ and I live in _____. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,



Legan Rose

From: Michaela Frunek <mfrunek@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 11:23 PM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: HOUSE BILL 4838

Cc:

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,
My name is Michaela Frunek and I live in Detroit MI, Im writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting.

Most pet store puppies are sourced from commercial dog breeding operations (aka puppy mills), where making a profit takes precedence over how the animals are treated. Dogs are usually crammed into filthy, overcrowded, stacked wire cages and are denied healthy food, clean water and basic veterinary care. Mother dogs are bred constantly, without any rest or screening for diseases. Horrific conditions, poor genetics, early weaning and stress can cause puppy mill puppies to develop serious health and behavioral problems that are expensive and difficult to treat. Then they are taken to pet stores to sit in tiny plastic boxes at a time when their physical and mental development is so so important.... But they cannot grow physically and mentally when they're confined to a small plastic box. Even worse, pet stores often make false "no puppy mill" promises or claim to have "zero tolerance" for cruel breeding. And since customers don't see where the puppies came from, they can easily be deceived. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry. Sincerely, Michaela Frunek

Michaela Frunek B.S., R.T.(R)(M)(ARRT)
586-260-9417

Legan Rose

From: Elizabeth Throckmorton <throcm6@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 6:50 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17)
Subject: HB 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Liz Throckmorton and I live in Eagle. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,

Liz

Legan Rose

From: nic <nicolettevictoria98@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 7:08 AM
To: Legan Rose; TulioLiberati@house.mi.gov; Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Nicolette and I live in Detroit. I'm writing this email to kindly ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I am a 26 year old passionate advocate for the well-being of animals here in Michigan and want to see an end to the abuse and neglect caused by puppy mills. This would be a huge step in the right direction with Michigan paving the way, following other states who have also banned the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits.

Best regards,
Nicolette

Legan Rose

From: Elizabeth Krieger <eakrgr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 7:28 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: House Bill 4838 Support

Dear Ms. Rose and Members of the Committee,

My name is Elizabeth Krieger and I live in Ann Arbor. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state do not support their abuse in puppy mills and backyard breeder operations. I have been volunteering with a rabbit rescue for ten years, and the number of rabbits we take in because someone bought a too-young rabbit at a pet store and wasn't informed on care is astronomical. Often these rabbits are just abandoned outside in a park or in a neighbor's yard, and their chances for survival are very low unless good samaritans step in to help. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Krieger

Sent from my iPhone

Legan Rose

From: Courtney Wooten <courtneyorcourtforshort@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 7:44 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: I support HB4838!!!

Good morning! Today is a big day! Let's get HB4838 passed!

On March 18th, Puppygram of Berkley acquired a Dalmation puppy named Annie from an Illinois breeder named Nathan Hochstetler USDA # 33-A-0580, who as of the 8/31/23 USDA inspection report had 357 dogs on site.

Current breeders that have provided dogs to Puppygram in 2024 include Enos, James, Johnny, Rachel, & Stephen Graber of Indiana. While they have not personally been on the Horrible Hundred list of the worst dog breeders in the US, their relatives Levi, David, John, Marie, Lewis Daniel and Anna Mae Graber, also of Indiana have made the list.

I have been working for almost 2 years to share the horrific nature of what goes on behind closed doors in regard to retail pet sales. So many of us worked tirelessly for over a year to get an ordinance in place to protect our community. We can't do this alone! We need state level support!

Courtney Wooten
2111 Cummings Avenue, Berkley, MI 48072
I support HB4838

Legan Rose

From: Elizabeth Petry <elizabethpetry369@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 8:01 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HR4838

Please support HR 4838. We must be the voice for those that cannot speak for themselves.

Elizabeth Petry
3445 Gardner Avenue Apt 9
Berkley Mi 48072
248 875-5644

Legan Rose

From: Carol Halstead <cihalstead@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 8:03 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4838

Good morning and please include my testimony in support of this bill (HB 4838). I know this is late but I just saw a notice about the hearing.

I once worked in a pet store in Saginaw, Michigan. I was a personable and successful salesperson and the owner liked me. But I soon became disgusted with my job. There was strong pressure to sell, especially the puppies. I was surprised how many of them were sick and we sold them anyway. The new owners would be upset and often returned them but they were usually already bonded with them so they paid for immediate veterinary care but they always let us know how upset they were. Smaller animals, like hamsters that were sick but cost less, were put into a paper bag, taken into the back room and slammed against the wall. I know this was unusual but it happened. Sick kittens were strangled. There needs to be much more accounting and responsibility in pet stores and, at the very least, these stores should not be dealing with puppy mills. They are called "puppy mills" for a reason. I know that the puppies we sold came from puppy mills. The little Scottie puppy I bought while I worked there came from a puppy mill in Ohio. His sweet little sister was sick and died. I urge you to please pass this bill HB4838. Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Halstead
2540 Cedar Lane Ct.
Hartland, MI 48353

Legan Rose

From: Sue P <spalmer5785@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 8:05 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Bill. LRose@house.mi.gov

Sent from my iPad
Susan Palmer
3813 Ellwood Ave
Berkley mi. 48072
I SUPPORT BILL. LROSE. concerning animal care

Legan Rose

From: Nicole Provencher <nrprovencher@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:48 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4838 - Add my name in support

Please add my name to the record as being in support of HB 4838 - Puppy Protection Bill.

NICOLE PROVENCHER
33645 Embassy Dr
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Current volunteer with Redemption Road Rescue of Michigan & Teacher's Pet Michigan.

Legan Rose

From: Zach M <zach.menning@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:50 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4838

Hello,

I am emailing to express my support for HB 4838 to outlaw the sale of animals at retail shops and under inhumane conditions.

Thanks!

Zach Menning
2191 Buckingham Ave, Berkley MI 48072

Legan Rose

From: Ted Barnhart <tedbarnhart@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:55 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4838

House Government Operations Committee:

I would like to extend my very strong support for HB 4838. My name is Ted Barnhart. My address is 3510 Fountain Circle Dr, apt 104, Auburn Hills , Mi., 48326. Email is tedbarnhart@comcast.net. Thank you for helping the animals.

Ted Barnhart

Legan Rose

From: cmisseldine@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:56 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4838 - Support

Please note in the record for today's House Government Operations Committee hearing that I am enthusiastically in support of HB 4838, which would regulate pet shops and animal shelters and establish uniform procedures and minimum requirements for the adoption of dogs, cats and ferrets.

Thank you,

Carol

Carol Misseldine
Ypsilanti, MI
734-709-2278

Legan Rose

From: Melanie Stevens <mlstevens1213@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 6:44 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB4838

Hello,

I am writing in support of passing HB4838. I implore you to pass this

My name is Melanie Stevens

1083 Oxford Rd

Berkley, MI 48072

Thank you

Melanie

Sent from my iPhone

Legan Rose

From: Samantha Drozdowski <samdroz@umich.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 7:26 PM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8)
Subject: House Bill 4838

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am a resident of Fraser, and I am kindly requesting that you submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 as I care about animals in this state and would like to protect them from the dangers of puppy mills.

Thank you for taking the time to read my message.

Respectfully,

Samantha Drozdowski
The University of Michigan- Ann Arbor 2021
B.A. International Studies: International Security, Norms, and Cooperation

Legan Rose

From: Olivia L <omlubig@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 7:53 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Please pass House Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose,

My name is Olivia Lubig and I live in Marquette, Michigan. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting.

My family fostered a puppy mill dog named Fritz, and I never want another pet to endure the suffering that he did. A common practice in puppy mills is cage stacking. This is when each dog is put in a tiny wire cage and they're stacked on top of each other. Fritz had been in the bottom cage, so he got peed and pooped on by every other dog that was stacked above him. After years of experiencing these conditions, his eyes were burned horrifically by the ammonia and turned a milk blue color. Fritz's eyes were burned so bad that you could see his retina tissue hanging in his eye.

I hope Michigan follows the examples from other states and passes House Bill 4838 to prevent the abuse my foster dog Fritz endured

Kind regards,
Olivia

Legan Rose

From: Julie Duke <julie@prancingpoodlepetcare.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 8:01 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4838

Hello. I want a card to support HB4838.

Julie Duke
Professional Pet Lover
517-604-3726



Legan Rose

From: Colleen Stammersky <jeff99citgo@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 8:09 PM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17)
Subject: House bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,
My name is Colleen Stammersky and I live in Flushing, MI.
I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.
Sincerely,
Colleen Stammersky

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Legan Rose

From: leeannsparty@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 8:23 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4838 - support Michigan Puppy Protection Bill

RE: May 22 committee hearing on HB 4838

Dear Committee Clerk Rose,

Please submit a card voicing my support of HB 4838.

As I mentioned to the committee members, I request that they help Michigan join several States who already have statewide bans.

Passing humane legislation is crucial to your voting constituents, Michigan residents statewide, companion animals well being and health, reducing irresponsible breeding & cruel supply chains, inhumane puppy brokers and mass farm-bred dogs (aka puppy mills), overpopulation & shelter/rescue intakes, and → to eliminating predatory financing/loans, leasing, contracting, and repossession and threats thereof ← present in the retail pet store field.

It's time for a State House/Senate vote!

Passage of the legislation is the ethical decision, for humans and animals.

"You can lease a car, but did you know you can lease a pet?" Representatives - that predatory and unethical concept should send chills down your spine. <https://midmichigannow.com/news/local/animal-advocates-want-to-end-pet-leases-in-michigan?mibextid=Zxz2cZ>

It also does not stop pet stores from profiting on goods/services - they just can't be predatory against animals or humans any longer and inhumane.

Animal protection legislation is supported by a majority of Michigan voters statewide, but has not moved out of committee.

I encourage advancing and support of HB 4838.

Best Regards,
LeeAnn Ford
48073

Legan Rose

From: Julie Duke <julie@prancingpoodlepetcare.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 8:24 PM
To: Legan Rose; Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: House Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the Committee,

My name is Julie Duke and I live in Okemos. I'm requesting that you submit a card to voice my support for House Bill 4838 in the Government Operations Committee Meeting on 5/22/24. I am deeply troubled that Michigan has not yet joined the ranks of more progressive states in outlawing the terrible abuse of dogs in puppy mills. It is a cruel industry of heartless individuals who exploit defenseless animals for their own financial enrichment. Michigan must do better and the passage of House Bill 4838 will have a meaningful impact on this horrible situation in our state.

Thank you.

Julie Duke
Professional Pet Lover
517-604-3726



Legan Rose

From: Shannon Hutchinson <shannonhutchinson112@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 8:29 PM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: HB 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Shannon and I live in Hazel Park, MI. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I am also a volunteer with Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary, and every day we're contacted by people who either purchased rabbits from pet stores and were unprepared and are now looking to pass that responsibility onto us, or who find or catch rabbits that those same people have dumped outside to fend for themselves, usually resulting in their injury or worse before we're able to assist. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,

Shannon Hutchinson

Legan Rose

From: Monique Balaban <moniquebalaban@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 8:41 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4838

I am writing to you in reference to HB 4838.

Please listen to the outcry of all residents of Michigan. Please support and pass the House Bill 4838.

It is critical and imperative to end the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores. These animals are abused, neglected and mistreated in puppy mills, and once they end up in pet stores, they continue the torture. Every single day pets are being euthanized since animal shelters do not have enough room. Millions of animals are not given a chance to find forever homes. It is unacceptable to mistreat animals as they are abused on a regular basis in puppy mills and in pet stores. This torture should no longer be tolerated. Puppy mills must be shut down and pet stores should never be allowed to sell them in their stores.

It is your obligation as a House Committee Member to pass the Puppy Protection Bill, HB 4838 and create environments where pets are treated humanely and adopted out from shelters.

Monique Balaban
1487 N. Livernois Rd.
Rochester Hills, MI 48306

Legan Rose

From: Erin Eberline <eshields03@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 9:06 PM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: House Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and Members of the Committee-

My name is Erin Eberline and I live in Ypsilanti, Michigan. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care deeply about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes this important step to prohibit this cruel industry. Please vote YES on HB 4838.

Sincerely,

Erin Eberline

Legan Rose

From: Traci Lange <tsmall1221@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 9:10 PM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17);
MikePostuhumus@house.mi.gov; Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65); Rep. Alabas A. Farhat
(District 3)
Subject: House Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Traci Lange and I live in Dearborn. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in tomorrow's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Vote YES on HB 4838

Sincerely,
Traci Lange

Legan Rose

From: Lange, Ashtyn <langea4@northwood.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 9:13 PM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); laruiepohutsky@house.mi.gov; Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: YES on HB 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Ashtyn Lange and I live in Dearborn. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in tomorrow's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Vote YES on HB 4838

Sincerely,
Ashtyn Lange

Legan Rose

From: Liz Cabrera Holtz <LizCabreraHoltz@worldanimalprotection.us>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:39 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: Support for House Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

I am writing to ask that you please submit a card stating World Animal Protection's support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee.

We support the bill fully but have particular expertise in rabbits, so the comments below focus on those issues.

Retail Pet Sale Bans Protect Rabbits from Cruel Mills

Virtually all rabbits supplied to pet stores are sourced from mills where animals are bred with little regard for their welfare. Animals are kept in stressful, crowded, unsanitary conditions, and ill and injured animals receive little to no veterinary care. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association's survey of households with companion animals, the top two sources for rabbits are gifts from friends or family (29%) and pet stores (27%). Considering many people who give rabbits as gifts initially purchase them at pet stores, banning retail sales would take a significant step toward shutting these mills down.

Few Federal or State Protections for Rabbits

While the federal Animal Welfare Act does regulate rabbit mills, it provides minimal protections and is chronically underenforced. Mills regulated by the Animal Welfare Act have long track records of poor animal care. Even facilities with prolific histories of neglect and abuse are rarely shut down. Instead, the US Department of Agriculture may issue warnings, negligible fines, or take no action at all.

Holmes Farm in Pennsylvania is one example of a rabbit mill. Holmes Farm housed more than 15,000 animals and supplied rabbits and other small mammals to pet stores, including Petco and PetSmart. At Holmes Farm, animals were killed with carbon dioxide or left to die in freezers even as some tried to escape. US Department of Agriculture inspection reports documented numerous Animal Welfare Act violations, including decomposing animals, filthy cages, cannibalization, and animals in desperate need of veterinary care.

In just a single USDA inspection report, the inspector noted ill animals with lethargy, hair loss, scabbing, skin conditions, diarrhea, and eye abnormalities, freshly and partially cannibalized hamsters, animals exhibiting abnormal stereotypic behavior, dead animals kept in cages with live animals, and filthy conditions, including water bottles with algae growing inside them.

Retail Rabbit Sales Increase the Burden on Shelters

After dogs and cats, rabbits are the third most surrendered animal to shelters. Stores selling rabbits significantly increase the burden on rescues and shelters that must pay for the cost of their care. It's unsurprising that rabbits are so frequently surrendered because, despite popular belief, they require complex care. Rabbits must be litterbox trained, and their environments must be "rabbit-proofed," or they will destroy electrical wires, walls, furniture, and plants. Extremely sensitive and easily frightened, rabbits are a challenging companion for children even though many parents purchase rabbits as gifts at Easter time. Despite this, pet stores entice customers to buy rabbits with little to no education or warning about the significant work it takes to care for a rabbit properly.

Some rabbits don't even make it to animal shelters. Rabbits are frequently abandoned outside in parks or streets to fend for themselves. Many rabbits die from starvation, are hit by cars, or are killed by other animals.

Thank you for your consideration.



Liz Cabrera Holtz, Esq.
Senior Campaigns Manager
World Animal Protection

Liz Cabrera Holtz
Senior Campaigns Manager
She/Her/Hers
World Animal Protection
Web: www.worldanimalprotection.us

Legan Rose

From: Amanda Leksche <ajleksche@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:41 AM
To: Legan Rose; Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: House Bill 4838

My name is Amanda Leksche and I live in Lansing Michigan. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry. Thank you for doing what is right on this matter and representing the people in our state.

Sincerely,
Amanda Leksche

Legan Rose

From: Pamela Dort <hdpam01@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:47 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: Pamela Dort Support of HB 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Pamela Dort and I live in Fenton, MI.

I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting.

I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Pamela Dort

Mailing Address 1182 Outer Dr, Fenton, MI 48430
Email address hdpam01@gmail.com
Cell phone 810-620-2928

Legan Rose

From: Scott Shagena <sshagena@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:34 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB4838

Please support this bill as puppy mills are horrible abuses & need to be shut down!

Scott Shagena
302 S Campbell Rd
Royal Oak, MI
48067

Sent from my iPhone

Legan Rose

From: Heather Barkatt <heather.m.barkatt@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:31 AM
To: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); jamiegreene@house.mi.gov; Legan Rose
Subject: Re: Please support HB4838

Based on below please submit a card voicing my support of HB 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting.

Heather Barkatt
Royal Oak

On Wed, May 22, 2024 at 8:10 AM Heather Barkatt <heather.m.barkatt@gmail.com> wrote:
Good morning Committee Members,

I hope this email finds you well. I am a resident of Royal Oak and a lifelong Michigander.

I am writing this morning to urge you to support House Bill 4838 which seeks to ban retail sales of dogs, cats and rabbits in Michigan.

I believe this legislation is crucial for several reasons:

- **Addressing Lack of Oversight:**

- Many retail pet businesses operate with minimal oversight, allowing inhumane practices to go unchecked.
- Retailers are not mandated to microchip, spay, or neuter animals, resulting in increased strays and overpopulation.
- These businesses often are not required to report when an animal dies, leading to neglect and mistreatment.
 - For example, Petland of Novi has been cited for allowing animals to die in their care due to lack of treatment for medical issues as recently as 2023 (source: Humane Society)

- **Improving Consumer Protection:**

- Many pets sold in retail stores suffer from undetected congenital conditions or other health issues that result in high veterinary costs for unsuspecting buyers.
- Retail pet stores often use predatory lending practices allowing consumers to take home a dog for a small fraction of total price but with high double digit interest rates
- Adoption from shelters often includes spaying/neutering, vaccinations, and health checks, providing more transparency and assurance to pet owners.

- **Curbing Inhumane Breeding Practices:**

- Retail sales often source animals from puppy mills and large-scale breeding operations.

- These establishments frequently prioritize profit over animal welfare, leading to poor conditions and inadequate care.
 - These environments typically lead to increased disease transmission, genetic disorders, and behavioral issues due to inadequate socialization.
- **Preventing Impulse Purchases:**
 - Reduces the likelihood of pets being abandoned or surrendered due to lack of preparation.
 - Ensures that pet ownership is a well-considered, lifelong commitment
- **Decreasing Shelter Overcrowding:**
 - Pet stores contribute to overpopulation by supplying a constant influx of animals without addressing the existing surplus in shelters.
 - Encouraging adoption helps manage the shelter population and reduces the number of animals euthanized due to lack of space.
- **Supporting Ethical Breeding Practices:**
 - A ban on retail sales will shift demand towards responsible breeders who prioritize the health and well-being of animals.
 - Responsible breeders typically ensure animals are well-cared for and maintain higher standards of health and genetic quality.
- **Aligning with Proven Successes:**
 - California, New York, Colorado, Main, Maryland, Illinois, Washington and Oregon already have bans or heavy restrictions on sales of pets in retail establishments
 - Said jurisdictions with similar bans have seen positive results, including lower rates of animal abandonment and better overall animal health.
 - Data from these regions show a correlation between retail bans and decreased shelter intake rates.

I am part of a group which has been pushing for such a ban in Berkley, Michigan where a retail pet store opened in early 2023. The store owner has a documented history of sourcing from puppy mills and selling sick dogs among other unethical business practices. There have been challenges in passing such an ordinance in a municipality where a retail pet store already exists and the end result was an ordinance which bans future retail locations but allows the current one to continue operations. HB 4838 would ensure this cannot happen in any other municipalities.

I thank you for your time and encourage your support for this bill which can move Michigan into the future and away from outdated practices of animal neglect, abuse and cruelty.

Best regards,
Heather Barkatt
Royal Oak

Legan Rose

From: Jola Forthoffer <jolaforth@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:33 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Hb4838

Hi my name is Jola Forthoffer currently residing at 2165 Sheffield, Birmingham, MI. I am in support of HB 4838.

Best regards.

Sent from my iPhone

Legan Rose

From: Finley Arnett
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:09 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: FW: House Bill 4838

Hi Legan,

Below is a card request from our constituent, Felicia Paris-Brooks, in support of HB 4838. Please let me know if there's anything else needed from me to submit this.

Thank you!

Finley Arnett
Constituent Services Director
Office of State Rep. Reggie Miller, HD 31

From: Paris-Brooks, Felicia <fpbrooks@med.umich.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 7:05 AM
To: Rep. Reggie Miller (District 31) <ReggieMiller@house.mi.gov>
Subject: House Bill 4838

Dear Reggie Miller,

My name is Felicia Paris-Brooks and I live in Wayne County Mi. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Felicia Paris-Brooks

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Legan Rose

From: Lauren Van Haaren <vanhaarenlauren@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:21 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Bill number HB4838

Hello,

I'm reaching out because I would like to be added to the record in support of the bill number HB4838.

Contact information:
Lauren Van Haaren
310 N. Hawthorne St.
Westland, MI 48185

Please let me know if there are any next steps needed on my end.

All the best,
Lauren Van Haaren

Legan Rose

From: hjmanion@outlook.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:22 AM
To: Legan Rose; Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: House Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Harmony Manion and I live in Otsego, MI. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Harmony Manion

Legan Rose

From: amanda quinn <amandaquinnn23@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:24 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: IN SUPPORT OF HB 4838

My name is Amanda Quinn and I live at 5498 Hidden Pines Drive, Brighton, Michigan 48116. I STRONGLY support the bill to ban mass puppy mills/stores that sell dogs, cats, and rabbits. Please vote against puppy mills and support bill HB 4838!!

-Amanda Quinn

Legan Rose

From: Megz M <marcouxm@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:27 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: HB 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Meggan Marcoux and I live in Hazel Park, MI.

I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Meggan Marcoux

Legan Rose

From: Angelina Bellizzi <angiebellizzi@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:28 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4838

Hello,

I am writing this email to show support for HB 4837 and to urge you to pass it today!
I am not affiliated with any group.

Thank you for your time,
Angelina Bellizzi

Legan Rose

From: pmms0005@tds.net
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:29 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: House Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee, My name is Fae Price and I live in Michigan. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,

Fae Price

Sent from my iPhone

Legan Rose

From: Mary Stapula <1stapcat@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:30 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4838

My name is Mary Lynn Stapula
Address: 2685 Kenmore
Berkley MI 48072

I am unable to be in Lansing today. I am reaching out to ask that you include me in support of HB 4838. The owner of the pet store in Berkley has a long and sordid history of obtaining dogs from puppy mills. This must stop.

Thank you,

Mary Lynn Stapula

Sent from my iPhone

Legan Rose

From: Brece Clark <brece@newrootsinstitute.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 9:10 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Brece Clark, and I am a resident of Tecumseh, Michigan. Today, I urge you to submit a card voicing my unwavering support for House Bill 4838.

This bill is more than legislation; it's a beacon of hope for the tens of thousands of animals suffering in unacceptable conditions across this state. It also represents a crucial step in our commitment to responsible, sensible and ethical animal care standards. Puppy mills are defined by neglect, abuse, and exploitation, prioritizing profit over the well-being of animals. These practices disgrace our society and tarnish our state's reputation.

Michigan has the opportunity to join the ranks of other progressive states that have taken a stand against this atrocity. By passing House Bill 4838, we can shut down the pipeline that supplies pet stores with animals from these deplorable conditions. This bill is not just about regulating pet shops; it is about setting a moral standard that values compassion over cruelty, and ethical treatment over exploitation.

Imagine the thousands of animals, confused and terrified, waiting for someone to be their voice, their hero. Today, you have the power to be that hero. By supporting this bill, you are choosing to end the suffering of countless dogs, cats, and rabbits. You are sending a clear message that Michigan will not tolerate the exploitation of animals for profit.

Puppy mills benefit no one but the likes of Petland, whose business model is built on the backs of these suffering animals. It is time to put an end to this black mark on our state. It is time to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

I implore you, do the right thing. Pass House Bill 4838 and be the champions of a more humane and compassionate Michigan. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brece Clark



Brece Clark

Lead Educator — Michigan

(he/him)

brece@newrootsinstitute.org

www.newrootsinstitute.org

Legan Rose

From: Amy Brown <amyleebrown826@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:30 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Support for HB 4838

Good morning -

My name is Amy Brown and I reside at 3854 W. 13 Mile Road Royal Oak MI 48073. I am writing as an individual who strongly supports safe and healthy environments for animals. I also represent Amy's Animal Care, LLC, my pet sitting and animal care business. I would sincerely appreciate your support of this bill to give these innocent animals protection. Thank you.

Amy Brown
Sent from my iPhone

Legan Rose

From: William Nouhan <williamnouhan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:30 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90)
Subject: bill 4838 - bill to ban retail sale of dogs, cats and rabbits

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee. My name is William Nouhan and I live in Livonia, Michigan. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
William Nouhan

Legan Rose

From: Christina Durie <duriechr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:29 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Support House Bill 4838

Dear members of the committee-

My name is Christina Durie and I live in Sterling Heights, MI. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House bill 4838 in todays government operations committee meeting. I care about animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the steps to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,

Christina Durie

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Legan Rose

From: Steve and Leslye Berkal <slberkal3126@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:17 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Vote NO bill HB4838

Please vote no on this bill.

Leslye Berkal
3126 Oakshire Ave
Berkley, MI. 48072

Legan Rose

From: Carter Born <cartercborn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:08 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: HB 4838 Support

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Carter Born and I live in Southfield, MI at 18272 W 12 Mile Rd Apt 211 Southfield MI 48076.

I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,

Carter Born

Legan Rose

From: Jackie Leible <thebluepeanutgarden@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:04 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65); Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8)
Subject: Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Jacqueline Leible and I live in Plymouth, Mi. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Leible

Legan Rose

From: Kimberly W <kimberlyscrittercare@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:03 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: (HB 4838)

I think this is one of the most important pills we've had in a long time with regard to animal welfare. We have so many organizations that are not healthy or beneficial to animals. Pets are mistreated especially those that are used for breeding. Please consider voting in our favor and ending animal cruelty.

Kimberly Waddell
Kimberly's Critter Care
5064 Mansfield Ave
Apt 46
Royal Oak MI 48073
586.439.8215

Legan Rose

From: Eryn Lauckern <erynlucette@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:59 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: support of House Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Eryn Lauckern and I live in Detroit.

I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Eryn

LEGAN ROSE

From: Lauren Boesen <laurenboesen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:23 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4838

Please add my name to the record before 11am today for support of the bill.

Lauren Boesen
Board member, POET animal rescue
2625 culver ave
Dearborn MI 48124

Thank you

Legan Rose

From: Alex Graham <aaburgel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:56 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); lauriepohustky@house.mi.gov; Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: Please note my support of HB 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Alex Graham and I live in St. Clair Shores.

I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I do not support the abuse of animals in puppy mills in our state and beyond. I'd like to see Michigan follow the example of other states and take this important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Thank you.

Legan Rose

From: Sarah Nesbitt <sarahnes@umich.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:00 AM
To: Legan Rose; Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: HB4838: Humane Pet Store Bill

Please please please ban the retail sale of pets in Michigan. I work in Dearborn, and I frequently go to Detroit for meetings. I constantly see either abandoned dogs or deceased dogs. I volunteer for a rescue that is at capacity. Every shelter in Detroit and the surrounding region is at capacity. There are dogs being put down because of this. There are more unhomed, incredibly sweet dogs than there are of people who are able to take them in.

Sarah Nesbitt
Berkley, MI
Make a Difference Rescue
HB4838

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Sarah Nesbitt
Lecturer IV in Applied Art
University of Michigan - Dearborn
www.sarahnesbitt.com

Legan Rose

From: Robin Dunivant <robindunivant@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:01 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Bill - HB4838

Importance: High

I ask that you please support this Bill.

Thank you,

Robin Dunivant
14036 Ludlow St
Oak Park, MI 48237

Legan Rose

From: Lauren <lwalson14@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:02 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Please support HB 4838

Hello,

My name is Lauren Walson and I'm currently a Berkley, MI resident (1674 Cambridge rd, Berkley, MI 48072). I'm reaching out because it is extremely important that you support HB4838.

Under current state law, it is completely legal for dogs and cats to be raised in factory farm settings in inhumane conditions and then brought into our community to be sold. This is wrong, cruel, inhumane and downright disgusting. I'm appalled this is allowed in this state.

Thank you,
Lauren Walson

Legan Rose

From: Greg Hoffman <ghoffmanconsulting@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:07 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: House Bill 4838 - Please support

Dear Rep. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Greg Hoffman and I live in Westland, MI.

I'm writing to ask that you please support House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting.

I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills.

I ask that you and the other members of the committee help to lead the way for Michigan to follow the examples of other states and take the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Greg Hoffman
37505 Colonial Dr
Westland, MI 48185

Legan Rose

From: Susan Payne <susanpayne.sp@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:09 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Re: HB4838

Good morning;

This email is something I don't ordinarily do. But the idea that Michigan will continue to allow (legally) animal factory farming to raise and sell dogs to stores is unconscionable. Continuous of this horrible legal practice not only hurts the animal, but reduces valid adoption through breeders and our animal shelters. The idea that we put down over 1 million dogs a year is a hearbreak. Let Michigan do the right thing and stop this horrible legal practice.

A lifetime Michigan Resident,
Susan Payne
Royal Oak, MI

Legan Rose

From: Kathy Moran <kathy.h.moran@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:12 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: House Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Kathy Moran and I'm from Livonia Michigan. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit the cruel industry.

Sincerely,

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Kathy Moran

Legan Rose

From: Wallace, Catherine <catherine.wallace@iqvia.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 6:09 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); TulioLiberati@house.mi.gov
Subject: Ban Puppy Mills

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Catherine, and I live in Ferndale. I am writing to ask you to please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's government operations committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this *cruel* industry.

Thank you,

Catherine Wallace
Senior Site Activation Coordinator – Country Site Activation
Global Site Activation – R&D Solutions



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May 21, 2024

Dear Chair Liberati and Members of the House Committee on Government Operations:

I am writing to The House Committee on Government Operations about the Puppy Protection Bill, HB 4838 which is currently under consideration and which would prohibit the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in Michigan pet stores.

Public records show that Michigan pet stores sell puppies from puppy mills with awful animal welfare records, where there is little concern for the health and well-being of the animals. The same situations occur for cats and rabbits in pet stores. Families who purchase these animals from pet stores are often burdened with pet health problems that can cost thousands of dollars in veterinary bills or lead to a lifetime of medical complications. Importantly, the animals are also suffering, sometimes long-term.

During the Humane Society of the United States' most recent undercover investigation at a Petland store in Novi, Michigan, the hidden camera captured sick puppies, questionable veterinary care, and unsafe conditions. Several ailing puppies were sent back to their breeders, to unknown fates, instead of being given proper treatment. This investigation is just the latest of several conducted at Petland locations.

I strongly request that the House Committee on Government Operations prohibit selling dogs, cats, and rabbits in pet stores in Michigan. It is an inhumane practice. It also supports puppy mills that have little to no oversight from the local, state, or federal government. Michigan residents will still be able to get the pet of their choice from shelters, rescue centers, and responsible, licensed breeders.

I urge Chair Liberati, with the support of the Committee Members, to report HB 4838 out of committee. As a Michigan resident, I am urging you to end the sale of dogs from puppy mills and from unlicensed breeders in Michigan pet stores, and to end the sale of cats and rabbits in Michigan pet stores, by reporting HB 4838 out of committee.

Sincerely yours,

Francine L. Dolins, Ph.D.
350 North Territorial Road West
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
Tel. 734-845-2511

Legan Rose

From: murraylisa72 <murraylisa72@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 9:46 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Ban puppy mills.
Attachments: facebook_1716342201595_7198860961521852981.jpg

I would like to add my name to this.

Lisa Murray of Trenton, MI.

Sent from my Galaxy

Legan Rose

From: Liz Swaynie <swaynie@umich.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 7:39 PM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: Please pass House Bill 4838!!!

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee:

My name is Liz Swaynie, and I live in Ann Arbor. I am a board member of Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary, and have seen hundreds of abandoned and abused rabbits come through our program. I ask that you support House Bill 4838 in Wednesday's Government Operations Committee Meeting. I care about the animals in our state (dogs, cats, and rabbits), and do not support abuse in puppy mills and backyard breeders.

I hope that Michigan takes a step forward to join other states and take this important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Thank you,

Liz Swaynie

Legan Rose

From: Michelle Serra <michelleaserra@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:44 AM
To: Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65); Legan Rose; Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17)
Subject: Puppy Mill Abuse!!!!

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Michelle and I live in Canton MI. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,

Michelle Serra

Legan Rose

From: Carol Hansen <carol.j.hoffman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:45 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: House Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose,

Hi. My name is Carol Hansen and I live in Canton. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Carol

Legan Rose

From: Barbara Payton <paytonbarbara@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:46 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Puppy Mills

Please advise me as to how to stop puppy mills.

Thank you,
Barbara Payton

Legan Rose

From: Amy Weber <amy@radishgroup.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:49 AM
To: Legan Rose

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Amy Weber and I live in Birmingham. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Amy Weber

Legan Rose

From: anum717 <mrjoeybelvis@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:50 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: SUPPORT OF BILL HB4838

hello my name is alyx fishwild, i live at 233 laprairie street in ferndale MI!!!

I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
ALYX

Legan Rose

From: Tina Weber <tina.radish@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:51 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: House Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Tina Weber and I live in Birmingham. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Tina Weber

Legan Rose

From: Colleen R. <ricecol@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:53 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); jamie.greene@house.mi.gov; Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17)
Subject: House Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Colleen Rice and I live in Royal Oak. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and I do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan will follow the examples of other states and take the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Colleen Rice

Legan Rose

From: Anne Honhart <anne.atlas@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:49 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: RE: Add my name to support HB 4838

Importance: High

Thank you Ms. Rose,

Please change my support of HB 4838 to read:

Please add my name that I am supportive of HB4838 which would prohibit the sale of puppies, cats and rabbits in pet stores. I would like to stop this pipeline of misery of animals sent from puppy mills and fast track backyard breeders of rabbits and kittens. These young animals should not be living their lives as soup cans in a store waiting to be bought off a shelf.

Thank you,

Anne Honhart 197 E Frank Street, Birmingham, MI 48009

From: Legan Rose [mailto:LRose@house.mi.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:37 AM
To: Anne Honhart
Subject: RE: Add my name to support HB 4838

Hello Anne,

Thank you for sending in your position on HB 4838. Your email will be recorded with the bill record and published as testimony.

Best,

Legan Rose
Committee Clerk
Michigan House of
Representatives

Phone: 517-373-2115
Address: PO Box 30014
Lansing, Michigan 48909
Email: lrose@house.mi.gov

From: Anne Honhart <anne.atlas@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:09 AM
To: Legan Rose <LRose@house.mi.gov>
Subject: Add my name to support HB 4838

Good morning,

Legan Rose

From: Stephen Price <stephenp1922@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:55 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8)
Subject: House Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Stephen Price and I live in Canton Michigan. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Stephen Price

Legan Rose

From: Stephen Price <stephenp1922@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:56 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: House Bill 4838

Dear Ms. Rose and members of the committee,

My name is Stephen Price and I live in Canton Michigan. I'm writing to ask that you please submit a card voicing my support of House Bill 4838 in today's Government Operations Committee meeting. I care about the animals in our state and do not support their abuse in puppy mills. I hope that Michigan follows the example of other states and takes the important step to prohibit this cruel industry.

Sincerely,
Stephen Price

Legan Rose

From: Colleen Hunter <huntercolleen@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 1:42 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4838, the Humane Pet Store Bill

It is disgusting that it is still completely legal for animals to be raised in factory farm setting in this day and age and then can brought and sold in our community.

I totally back banning this practice.

Please work to make this go away.

Colleen Hunter
45 Kensington Blvd.
Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069
HB 4838

Legan Rose

From: Ben H <benjaminhigdon@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:17 AM
To: Legan Rose; Rep. Tullio Liberati (District 2); Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (District 17); Rep. Bryan Posthumus (District 90); Rep. Mike McFall (District 8); Rep. Jaime Greene (District 65)
Subject: House Bill 4838

Hello committee members,

I'd like to ask you to include my support for House Bill 4838. Retail sale of dogs, cats and rabbits is unnecessary and opens the door to poor treatment of animals. As someone who volunteers in animal rescue, I know well there is no shortage of animals in need of homes, and I know how poorly treated animals are by people who treat them as a commodity.

Thank you,
Ben Higdon
Ypsilanti MI

To: Rep. Tullio Liberati, Chair, and Members of the House Government Operations Committee

From: Molly Tamulevich

Re: House Bill 4838

Date: May 22nd, 2024

I am writing to request that the committee vote in favor of House Bill 4838 and quickly advance it out of committee.

I understand that there are a large number of submissions regarding this bill, many of which contain important data regarding the devastating impact of puppy mills and their retail partners. **I urge the committee to give special consideration to submissions from The Humane Society of the United States and Bailing out Benji.** Both of these organizations have extensive, hands-on knowledge that make them ideally situated to advise on the issue of commercial animal breeding and retail sales.

I have been involved with animal welfare causes in Michigan for almost two decades as both an animal welfare professional and volunteer. I have seen bills similar to HB 4838 introduced in the Michigan legislature many times. Every hearing has been well-attended, with massive amounts of largely favorable public input. **Despite this overwhelming support, every bill has been ignored, narrowly defeated or scheduled for a hearing at the last possible moment in an attempt to avoid publicity or accountability.**

I remember a protest I attended many years ago at the now shuttered Gibraltar Trade Center. At the time, it was a notorious venue for selling puppies linked to puppy mills. As we stood outside in a winter flurry, we were targeted by employees driving a snow plow which covered us with cold slush that froze in our hair and soaked through our gloves. This experience has stayed with me through the years because as we stood there, holding our signs in the brutal cold, we experienced a taste of what it is like for many mother dogs who are confined in Michigan puppy mills. They languish in minimal shelter, many of them in cages with wire-bottom floors. Exposed to the elements, these animals are deprived of everything that makes life worth living, bearing the physical burden of pregnancy, extreme temperatures and minimal socialization for the sole purpose of producing profitable offspring.

Nothing in our society can be produced at such a large scale without incurring significant labor costs. The hidden cost of pet store puppies is paid by their mothers, who will be forced to breed until they are no longer useful. Their fate is then left to an industry that has treated them as production machines, not beloved companions.

Our animal shelters and rescues bear the emotional, physical and financial burden caused by the puppy mill industry. From Midland to the Upper Peninsula, animal rescue organizations in Michigan have provided veterinary care, support, and rehoming services for animals seized from large scale, commercial breeders in our state. Enough is enough. Michiganders want to see this industry end. Our animal care organizations and the animals themselves deserve to be prioritized above the concerns of the few remaining pet stores that continue to sell puppies in a retail setting. **We are a state of animal lovers; it's time that our government begins legislating in a way that reflects the deep affinity Michiganders have for their pets. Please support this bill and join Illinois, New York, California, Maryland and Maine in taking a stand against puppy mills.**

Sincerely,

Molly Tamulevich

Legan Rose

From: Morgan Ciambelli <morganciambelli@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:40 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Support of Bill HB4838

Hello,

I am writing you today in support of the bill HB 4838.

My name is Morgan Ciambelli
Address 28361 Deltan St, Madison Heights, MI 48071

Please help us protect animal welfare.

Thank you,
Morgan Ciambelli

Legan Rose

From: B. Iris Potter <b.irispotter@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:42 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Please submit card for HB 4838

Please ask other members to as well.
We have worked hard in our community to try to make this happen. Please help at State level.

Thank you,
Barbara Potter,
Tom Duffield,
1204 Manor St, Kalamazoo, MI 49006

Legan Rose

From: Priebe, Rebecca <rpriebe1@hfhs.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:35 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: House Bill 4838

Importance: High

Dear committee members,

My name is Rebecca Priebe and I live in Ann Arbor, Michigan. I am writing to you to ask that you please submit a card/vote voicing my support for House Bill 4838 in today's operational meeting. I am an owner of rescued greyhounds and DO NOT support puppy mills. I hope that our state of Michigan leads by example like other states to prohibit this cruel industry.

Thank you for your time and support.
Rebecca Priebe.

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Legan Rose

From: Sue P <spalmer5785@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:40 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Humane for dogs. Cats

I agree with bill HB4838. Plz pass this legislation.
Susan Palmer
3813 Ellwood
Berkley mi 48072
Ty

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

Legan Rose

From: Doris Applebaum <ibis4247@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:51 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4838

I am writing to state my support for HB 4838.

Doris Applebaum
13680 Winchester
Oak Park. MI. 48237-1360

Legan Rose

From: Kathy Stannis <kstannis@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:58 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Michigan bill HB 4838

Dear L Rose,

Please vote NO on allowing animals in the state of Michigan to be raised in animal factories then sold the pet stores throughout our state for community purchases.

The animal shelters are working hard to find homes for abandoned pets and need more support including financial.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathy Stannis
2272 Beverly Blvd
Berkley Michigan 48072

Thanks, Kathy Stannis
Sent from my iPhone

Legan Rose

From: Dottie Payne <dottiepayne@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 12:07 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: bill number (HB 4838).

*Dottie Payne
1922 Rosemont
Berkley, Michigan 48072*

I am in support of Bill HB -4838

*I want all these animals to be raised in a safe place,
no dogs and cats to be raised in a factory farm setting this
is inhumane in my opinion and that brought to communities to be sold.*

✻ Dottie Payne ✻

313.956.2000
126 Broadacre Ave Clawson

Legan Rose

From: Clarissa Harrison <cbearharrison@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 12:09 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Support for HB 4838

I would like to voice my support for House Bill 4838 to prevent puppy mills from supplying commercial pet stores in Michigan. There are shelters at capacity across the state and many animals that need help. Limit animal sales to reputable breeders who invest in proper veterinary care for their animals.

Thank you,
Clarissa Harrison
326 Broadacre Ave, Clawson

Legan Rose

From: Jessica Kruczek <jkruczek91@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 12:11 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB4838

I am emailing you in support of this bill above.

Jessica Kruczek
22954 Gary Ln. Saint Clair Shores Mi 48080
HB4838