

Dakota Soda

From: william miller <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 9:47 AM
To: Dakota Soda
Subject: vote NO on HB 5916 AND HB5917.

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This does nothing but support Puppy Mills and is not good for Michigan.

There are to Many Animals in our state shelters now and supporting these bills

you do NOTHING to Help them out. But line the Pockets of Breeders who

Do not give a Damn about the Cats And Dogs the Breed for Profit.

William Miller
Warren, MI 48092

Dakota Soda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 8:20 AM
To: Dakota Soda
Subject: Harley's Dream

16, May 2018

Dear Dakota Soda,

Please vote no on HB 5916 and HB 5917

Thank you,

Sincerely, Suzette Lee

Dakota Soda

From: Coyote Windsong <godsdog@whitmorelake.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 9:07 AM
To: Rep. Tom Barrett (District 71); Rep. Julie Alexander (District 64); Rep. Dan Lauwers (District 81); Rep. Gary Howell (District 82); Rep. Thomas Albert (District 86); Rep. Julie Calley (District 87); Rep. Ben Frederick (District 85); Rep. Brian Elder (District 96); Rep. Phil Phelps (District 49); Rep. Terry Sabo (District 92); Rep. Tim Sneller (District 50); Rep. Sara Cambensy (District 109); Dakota Soda
Subject: HB 5916/17 "The Petland Bills"

Dear Committee members;

I'm writing to ask you to vote no on "The Petland Bills". Michigan communities should not have their right to restrict the sale of puppy mill dogs taken away from them. These bills only protect the people who profit off of puppy mills; they do not protect Michigan residents and communities. The bills will not ensure that puppies coming from large scale "USDA regulated" facilities are physically or mentally healthy. The USDA has never done a good job of inspecting puppy mills and enforcing the Animal Welfare Act. The Animal Welfare Act does not provide for adequate care of the dogs in these facilities. Additionally, all of the inspection reports have been removed from the USDA website and only completely redacted records are sent if you FOIA them. Sec. Sonny Perdue is currently considering allowing the AKC do the inspections, and also changing to announced inspections, which would give plenty of time to clean up problems. All of these issues make life for dogs in puppy mills a life of misery. Please do not support the puppy mill industry by supporting these bills. Vote no on HB 5916/17.

Sincerely

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Coyote Windsong
[REDACTED]
Whitmore Lake, MI
48189

Dakota Soda

From: Jill Burnette [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 10:47 AM
To: Dakota Soda
Subject: Oppose H.B. 5917

Good morning,

I was informed that the Agricultural Committee will be voting in the H.B. referenced above. I am writing in opposition of this bill and I am requesting that the Committee do the same. Michigan currently does very little to stop puppy mills and protect animals from the severe neglect that comes along with puppy mills.

I am requesting that the committee vote no on H.B. 5917.

Thank you,
Jill Burnette
[REDACTED]

Dakota Soda

From: Katelyn Young <~~katelyn.young2@waynes.edu~~>
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 11:04 AM
To: Dakota Soda
Subject: Please OPPOSE HB 5916 and 5917

Dear Rep. Barrett and Committee Members:

My name is Katelyn Young and I am a graduating law student at Wayne State University Law School. I have never contacted a state representative or committee before and I am actually taking a break from studying for exams to write you because this is something that hits close to my heart. **Please oppose HB 5916 and 5917.**

I am a volunteer at Detroit Dog Rescue and I am a huge animal lover. I was made aware of HB 5916 and 5917 that the Agriculture Committee is rushing through the legislature, which would allow pet stores across the state to sell puppies that are bred, born, and raised in the inhumane conditions of puppy mills. Although 5916 seems as though it sets up regulatory barriers to keep "puppy mill" puppies out of pet stores, 5917 is going to preempt any local government action that would otherwise prohibit pet stores from selling puppy mill puppies.

Instead of moving towards protecting animals, passing these bills would essentially undo all of the hard work that animal advocates, non-kill shelters, and rescues have put into the "adopt don't shop" motto. Animals can't fend for themselves and hopefully if you are an animal lover, you will oppose these bills.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
Katelyn Young

Dakota Soda

From: Penny Walters <~~pwalters669@comcast.net~~>
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 6:13 AM
To: Dakota Soda
Subject: Vote NO on HB 5916 AND HB 5917

As Mom to 4 adorable furbabies and as an animal lover I'm begging you to vote NO on HP5916 and HB5917. These bills will strip away protection for animals in Michigan and will instead protect the people in the puppy mill industry. If you've never seen what it is like in a puppy mill, I encourage you to research them. The horrors the dogs in these places face every day is unreal. The sights, sounds, and smells are the stuff of horror movies.

If enacted, HB 5916 AND HB 5917 would prohibit Michigan cities and counties from passing ordinances that prevent dogs and cats sourced from puppy mills from being sold in Michigan pet stores. Additionally, it would overturn any existing bans. Make no mistake - this bill protects puppy mills!

PLEASE vote NO!

Sincerely,

Penny L Walters

Dakota Soda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 8:01 AM
To: Dakota Soda
Subject: HB 5916/5917

I am writing to you to strongly urge you to OPPOSE HB 5916/ 5917. We can't undo all the hard work that has been done for the welfare of animals. Puppy mills need to be shut down. They are cruel and inhumane. The pet stores prey on people, they knowingly sell sick puppies for thousands of dollars. In the long run, people are forced into debt with vet bills. This isn't fair to the consumer. There are reputable breeders out there . If you can see the parents of the puppy and the environment, they are coming from puppy mills. Shelters and rescues are full of pure bred dogs. I ask you again, PLEASE OPPOSE THIS BILL. THANK YOU!!!!

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Dakota Soda

From: Janie Jenkins <[REDACTED]@sdleg.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 7:54 AM
To: Rep. Tom Barrett (District 71); Rep. Julie Alexander (District 64); Rep. Dan Lauwers (District 81); Rep. Gary Howell (District 82); Rep. Thomas Albert (District 86); Rep. Julie Calley (District 87); Rep. Ben Frederick (District 85); Rep. Brian Elder (District 96); Rep. Terry Sabo (District 92); Rep. Tim Sneller (District 50); Rep. Sara Cambensy (District 109); Dakota Soda; Rep. Phil Phelps (District 49)
Subject: Please Oppose Petland Bill

House Agriculture Committee Members:

It has come to my attention that a bill will be introduced at the House of Agriculture Committee tomorrow known as the "Petland Bill". This bill is intended to block cities and counties from passing pet retail bans in their communities.

Over the past few years, animal rescue groups have been working hard to protect animals sold in pet stores from harm from commercial breeders and individuals selling sick animals around the state. Across the country, cities and counties are taking a stand against not only puppy mills but irresponsible breeders of other species (kittens, rabbits, ferrets, etc.) by adopting retail pet sale bans.

Please do not allow this tactic to be pursued!! There is a reason over 250 municipalities have passed ordinances across the country; they do not want this activity in their community. This bill will make these local laws unenforceable at the local level stripping residents of the protection for animals that they desire.

Thank you for your consideration.
Your Constituent,
Janie Jenkins

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Dakota Soda

From: Jane Newton <jnewton@grandvillemi.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 9:35 AM
To: Dakota Soda
Subject: Opposition to "Petland Bill"

House Agriculture Committee Clerk:

I am writing to you to make known my opposition to a bill that will be introduced to the House Agriculture Committee tomorrow. This bill is known as the "Petland Bill" intends to block cities and counties from passing pet retail bans in their communities.

Animal rescue groups have been working diligently to protect animals sold in pet stores from harm caused by commercial breeders and individuals selling sick animals around the state. Across the country, cities and counties are taking a stand against puppy mills, pet stores, and irresponsible breeders of other species (kittens, rabbits, ferrets, etc.) by adopting retail pet sale bans. While other cities and states have been making progress to protect vulnerable animals, we do not want Michigan to take a dramatic step backward to allow individuals and businesses to make a profit from these animals that often come from deplorable conditions where they lack proper love, socialization, nutrition, and veterinary care.

Please do not let the retail pet store industry influence you. Consumers have plenty of choice when it comes to adding a furry family member: From animal rescues to responsible breeders to an extensive network of animal behavioral trainers.

Our community cares deeply about the welfare of animals, and local retail bans allow communities to show how they value the lives of animals. This bill strips residents from protecting animals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jane Newton
Grandville, MI

Dakota Soda

From: Nikki Mack <nikkimackphotography@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 10:24 AM
To: Dakota Soda
Subject: Opposition of HB-5916/17 "Petland" bill.

House Agriculture Committee Members:

I am writing you to voice my concerns and opposition of the Petland Bill that was introduced, this bill is intended to block cities from banning the sale of retail pets in their communities.

Over the past few years, animal rescue groups have been working to protect animals sold in pet stores from harm from commercial breeders and individuals selling sick animals around the state. Across the country, cities and counties are taking a stand against not only puppy mills but irresponsible breeders of other species (kittens, rabbits, ferrets, etc.) by adopting retail pet sale bans. Please do not allow this tactic to be pursued!! There is a reason these bans have been agreed upon by local governments; they do not want this activity in their community. This bill will make these local laws unenforceable at the local level stripping residents of the protection for animals that they desire.

Thank you for your consideration.

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-Nikki Rae

Dakota Soda

From: Alice Houlihan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 10:38 AM
To: Rep. Tom Barrett (District 71); Rep. Julie Alexander (District 64); Rep. Dan Lauwers (District 81); Rep. Gary Howell (District 82); Rep. Thomas Albert (District 86); Rep. Julie Calley (District 87); Rep. Ben Frederick (District 85); Rep. Brian Elder (District 96); Rep. Phil Phelps (District 49); Rep. Terry Sabo (District 92); Rep. Tim Sneller (District 50); Rep. Sara Cambensy (District 109); Dakota Soda
Subject: Petland Bill

Respected House Agriculture Committee Members:

I am contacting you regarding the "Petland Bill". This bill will harm communities such as mine which pride ourselves on being responsible community members, animal rescue advocates and of course, pet owners.

No responsible breeder would supply a puppy store or boutique. I can personally attest that acquiring a well bred puppy is a more strenuous and intensive process than purchasing a home, testifying before congress, or sequencing dna (as it should be). Responsible breeders fully vet the owners, and even following adoption, request pictures, updates and send dog bones throughout the dog's life.

In pet stores, even if an animal is deemed physically healthy and vaccinated, the environment they're held in may result in fear or aggression issues, leading to dog bites, scarred children, guilt-ridden parents and animals dropped off at shelters for behavior issues. My community has every right to ban pet stores.

This ban on bans belongs in an episode of Seinfeld, not in Michigan legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.
Alice Houlihan

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Dakota Soda

From: ~~Lisa Everin@priorityhealth.com~~
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 11:03 AM
To: Dakota Soda
Subject: Petland Bill

It has come to my attention that a bill will be introduced at the House of Agriculture Committee tomorrow known as the "Petland Bill". This bill is intended to block cities and counties from passing pet retail bans in their communities.

Over the past few years, animal rescue groups have been working to protect animals sold in pet stores from harm from commercial breeders and individuals selling sick animals around the state. Across the country, cities and counties are taking a stand against not only puppy mills but irresponsible breeders of other species (kittens, rabbits, ferrets, etc.) by adopting retail pet sale bans.

Please do not allow this tactic to be pursued!! There is a reason these bans have been agreed upon by local governments; they do not want this activity in their community. This bill will make these local laws unenforceable at the local level stripping residents of the protection for animals that they desire.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lisa Everin

Dakota Soda

From: Laurie Horn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 11:11 AM
Subject: OPPOSE new Petland Bill

House Agriculture Committee Members:

It has come to my attention that a bill will be introduced at the House of Agriculture Committee tomorrow known as the "Petland Bill". This bill is intended to block cities and counties from passing pet retail bans in their communities.

Over the past few years, animal rescue groups have been working to protect animals sold in pet stores from harm from immoral breeders and individuals selling sick animals around the state. Across the country, cities and counties are taking a stand against not only puppy mills but irresponsible breeders of other species (kittens, rabbits, ferrets, etc.) by adopting retail pet sale bans.

Please do not allow this tactic to be pursued!! There is a reason these bans have been agreed upon by local governments; they do not want this activity in their community. This bill will make these local laws unenforceable at the local level stripping residents of the protection for animals that they desire.

Thank you for your consideration.

Laurie Horn
DON'T SHOP, ADOPT

Regular wellness exams are necessary to keep our pets healthy and happy.
Don't forget heartworm preventative the first of every month!

Michigan Residents: Please ask your state representative to support SB 741 NOW and END BSL!!

Dakota Soda

From: Carri Shipaila <carri@luvnupuz.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 11:15 AM
To: Dakota Soda; Rep. Tom Barrett (District 71); Rep. Julie Alexander (District 64); Rep. Dan Lauwers (District 81); Rep. Gary Howell (District 82); Rep. Thomas Albert (District 86); Rep. Julie Calley (District 87); Rep. Ben Frederick (District 85); Rep. Brian Elder (District 96); Rep. Tim Sneller (District 50); Rep. Sara Cambensy (District 109); Rep. Phil Phelps (District 49); Rep. Terry Sabo (District 92)
Subject: Petland Bill Outrage
Importance: High

House Agriculture Committee Members:

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Please do not allow this tactic to be pursued!! There is a reason these bans have been agreed upon by local governments; they do not want this activity in their community. This bill will make these local laws unenforceable at the local level stripping residents of the protection for animals that they desire.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thank You
Carri Shipaila
President and Founder
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Dakota Soda

From: Annie VanGeest <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 12:03 PM
To: Dakota Soda
Subject: STOP the Pet Land BILL

House Agriculture Committee Members:

It has come to my attention that a bill will be introduced at the House of Agriculture Committee tomorrow known as the "Petland Bill". This bill is intended to block cities and counties from passing pet retail bans in their communities.

I have worked in rescue since I was 13 years old. I have seen the worst in many pet owners who purchased a pet from a store on a "whim" and were not prepared for the issues a puppy mill dog comes with. I currently work at a veterinarian office and we see a lot of puppies come in from a local store (The Barking Boutique). Each dog that has come in had been on antibiotics for infections, have medical concerns such as bad hips, or needed parasite control due to being purchased while infected. Many families are not prepared to handle the medical bills that come with a dog needing hip surgery. They end up surrendering the dog to a local rescue or shelter where it falls on the community to pick up the bill to do what is best for the animals.

Even after 20 years in rescue, I am not anti-breeder. I recognize the breeders who take the time to genetic testing, behavioral testing, and owner screening that are doing what they believe is in the best interest of the breed. These breeders have wait lists because they truly do have the best interest of their puppies in mind. They would NEVER allow a third party to sell one of their puppies.

The puppies that are sold in stores are bred with only profit in mind. Their parents spend their entire lives in small cages being forced to have litter after litter with little to no human contact. The puppies are pulled away from their mother and shipped while they are only 6 weeks old. This leads to lifelong behavioral issues with the pets.

Over the past few years, animal rescue groups have been working to protect animals sold in pet stores from harm from commercial breeders and individuals selling sick animals around the state. Across the country, cities and counties are taking a stand against not only puppy mills but irresponsible breeders of other species (kittens, rabbits, ferrets, etc.) by adopting retail pet sale bans.

Many states are making leaps forward banning the retail sale of puppies and kittens. The Petland Bill would be a HUGE step back for our community. In a state that we've seen going in such a positive direction. PLEASE do not allow this bill to pass. If it does, you will strip the protection of these animals, local residents, and push the consequences of irresponsible breeders onto the tax payers.

Please do not allow this tactic to be pursued!! There is a reason these bans have been agreed upon by local governments; they do not want this activity in their community. This bill will make these local laws unenforceable at the local level stripping residents of the protection for animals that they desire.

Thank you for your consideration.

Annie VanGeest

Dakota Soda

From: Julie <~~julie.beukema@gmail.com~~>
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 12:34 PM
To: Dakota Soda; Rep. Julie Alexander (District 64)
Subject: HB 5917

House Agriculture Committee Members:

It has come to my attention that a bill will be introduced at the House of Agriculture Committee tomorrow known as the "Petland Bill". This bill is intended to block cities and counties from passing pet retail bans in their communities.

Over the past few years, animal rescue groups have been working to protect animals sold in pet stores from harm from commercial breeders and individuals selling sick animals around the state. Across the country, cities and counties are taking a stand against not only puppy mills but irresponsible breeders of other species (kittens, rabbits, ferrets, etc.) by adopting retail pet sale bans.

Please do not allow this tactic to be pursued!! There is a reason these bans have been agreed upon by local governments; they do not want this activity in their community. This bill will make these local laws unenforceable at the local level stripping residents of the protection for animals that they desire.

Thank you for your consideration.
Julie Beukema

Sent from my iPhone

Dakota Soda

From: Christine Pierce <christine@azuraleasing.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 12:42 PM
To: Rep. Tom Barrett (District 71); Rep. Julie Alexander (District 64); Rep. Dan Lauwers (District 81); Rep. Gary Howell (District 82); Rep. Thomas Albert (District 86); Rep. Julie Calley (District 87); Rep. Ben Frederick (District 85); Rep. Brian Elder (District 96); Rep. Phil Phelps (District 49); Rep. Terry Sabo (District 92); Rep. Tim Sneller (District 50); Rep. Sara Cambensy (District 109); Dakota Soda
Subject: Petland Bill

House Agriculture Committee Members:

I have recently been made aware that a bill will be introduced at the House of Agriculture Committee tomorrow known as the Petland Bill. It is my understanding that this bill is intended to block cities and counties from passing pet retail bans in their communities, which is absolutely unacceptable.

Over the past few years, animal rescue groups and their countless volunteers have been working tirelessly to protect animals sold in pet stores from harm from commercial breeders and others selling sick animals around the state. The practices currently in place amount to nothing short of animal cruelty and abuse. Across the country, cities and counties are taking a stand against not only puppy mills, but irresponsible breeders of other species (kittens, rabbits, ferrets, etc.) by adopting retail pet sale bans. I REFUSE to stand idly by and watch Michigan takes steps backwards.

As your heavily-connected and highly actionable constituent, I am literally begging you, do NOT move this forward!! There is a reason these bans have been agreed upon by local governments; we do not want this activity in our community! This bill will unacceptably make these local laws unenforceable, essentially stripping residents of the protection for animals that they desire.

I honestly cannot believe I am even having to take time to speak up against this as it never should have made it this far, and yet here I am.

Thank you for your time

Christine Pierce
Christine@Azuraleasing.com
888-943-6789 Ph
888-943-6790 Fax



Dakota Soda

From: Janie Jenkins [mailto:jjenkins63@ndleg.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 7:54 AM
To: Rep. Tom Barrett (District 71); Rep. Julie Alexander (District 64); Rep. Dan Lauwers (District 81); Rep. Gary Howell (District 82); Rep. Thomas Albert (District 86); Rep. Julie Calley (District 87); Rep. Ben Frederick (District 85); Rep. Brian Elder (District 96); Rep. Terry Sabo (District 92); Rep. Tim Sneller (District 50); Rep. Sara Cambensy (District 109); Dakota Soda; Rep. Phil Phelps (District 49)
Subject: Please Oppose Petland Bill

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Please do not allow this tactic to be pursued!! There is a reason over 250 municipalities have passed ordinances across the country; they do not want this activity in their community. This bill will make these local laws unenforceable at the local level stripping residents of the protection for animals that they desire.

Thank you for your consideration.
Your Constituent,
Janie Jenkins

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Dakota Soda

From: AK <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 1:52 PM
To: Dakota Soda; Rep. Tom Barrett (District 71); Rep. Julie Alexander (District 64); Rep. Dan Lauwers (District 81); Rep. Gary Howell (District 82); Rep. Thomas Albert (District 86); Rep. Julie Calley (District 87); Rep. Ben Frederick (District 85); Rep. Brian Elder (District 96); Rep. Tim Sneller (District 50); Rep. Sara Cambensy (District 109); Rep. Phil Phelps (District 49); Rep. Terry Sabo (District 92)
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Thank you for your consideration.
Anna Kohls

Dakota Soda

From: Tabi Baller <~~baller1@gmail.com~~>
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 1:58 PM
To: Rep. Tom Barrett (District 71); Rep. Julie Alexander (District 64); Rep. Dan Lauwers (District 81); Rep. Gary Howell (District 82); Rep. Thomas Albert (District 86); Rep. Julie Calley (District 87); Rep. Ben Frederick (District 85); Rep. Brian Elder (District 96); Rep. Tim Sneller (District 50); Rep. Sara Cambensy (District 109); Rep. Phil Phelps (District 49); Rep. Terry Sabo (District 92); Dakota Soda
Subject: Petland Bill

House Agriculture Committee Members:

I am writing to you to make known my opposition to a bill that will be introduced to the House Agriculture Committee tomorrow. This bill is known as the "Petland Bill" intends to block cities and counties from passing pet retail bans in their communities.

Animal rescue groups have been working diligently to protect animals sold in pet stores from harm caused by commercial breeders and individuals selling sick animals around the state. Across the country, cities and counties are taking a stand against puppy mills, pet stores, and irresponsible breeders of other species (kittens, rabbits, ferrets, etc.) by adopting retail pet sale bans. While other cities and states have been making progress to protect vulnerable animals, we do not want Michigan to take a dramatic step backward to allow individuals and businesses to make a profit from these animals that often come from deplorable conditions where they lack proper love, socialization, nutrition, and veterinary care.

Please do not let the retail pet store industry influence you. Consumers have plenty of choice when it comes to adding a furry family member: From animal rescues to responsible breeders to an extensive network of animal behavioral trainers.

Our community cares deeply about the welfare of animals, and local retail bans allow communities to show how they value the lives of animals. This bill strips residents from protecting animals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Tabitha Baller
Grand Rapids, MI

Dakota Soda

From: Karen Glashower <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 2:38 PM
To: Rep. Tom Barrett (District 71); Rep. Julie Alexander (District 64); Rep. Dan Lauwers (District 81); Rep. Gary Howell (District 82); Rep. Thomas Albert (District 86); Rep. Julie Calley (District 87); Rep. Ben Frederick (District 85); Rep. Brian Elder (District 96); Rep. Phil Phelps (District 49); Rep. Terry Sabo (District 92); Rep. Tim Sneller (District 50); Rep. Sara Cambensy (District 109); Dakota Soda
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Please do not allow this tactic to be pursued!! There is a reason these bans have been agreed upon by local governments; they do not want this activity in their community. This bill will make these local laws unenforceable at the local level stripping residents of the protection for animals that they desire.

Thank you for your consideration.

Karen Glashower
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dakota Soda

From: Alexa Berg <alexaberg@petland.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 2:41 PM
To: Dakota Soda
Subject: Petland Bill

I've been made aware that a bill will be introduced at the House of Agriculture Committee tomorrow known as the "Petland Bill". This bill is designed to prevent cities and counties from passing pet retail bans in our communities.

Over the past eight years, I've been part of animal rescue working to protect the well being of animals. Including those sold in pet stores from corrupted breeders and individuals selling sick animals around the state. Please look into puppy mills to know where these puppies come from, the pain they endure, and the heartache families experience from adopting these puppies, only to have them die young from horrible illnesses. Across the country, cities and counties are taking a stand against not only puppy mills but irresponsible breeders of other species (kittens, rabbits, ferrets, etc.) by adopting retail pet sale bans.

Please do not allow this tactic to be pursued. There is a reason these bans have been agreed upon by local governments; they do not want this activity in their community. I don't want to see this activity in my community. I want to see our local government step up and protect the lives of all. To use their power to make a difference. This bill will make these local laws (to protect the lives of animals) unenforceable at the local level, stripping residents of the protection for animals that they truly desire. I'm sure at one point you had a puppy or kitten you loved. Imagine if they were made to endure the suffering these animals do. Imagine loving these animals only to find your time with them will be cut short because of overbreeding/ inbreeding. Please protect them from this. Say No to the "Petland Bill"

Thank you for your consideration.

Alexa Berg

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Dakota Soda

From: Rachel Tuuk <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 3:02 PM
To: Rep. Tom Barrett (District 71); Rep. Julie Alexander (District 64); Rep. Dan Lauwers (District 81); Rep. Gary Howell (District 82); Rep. Thomas Albert (District 86); Rep. Julie Calley (District 87); Rep. Ben Frederick (District 85); Rep. Brian Elder (District 96); Rep. Phil Phelps (District 49); Rep. Terry Sabo (District 92); Rep. Tim Sneller (District 50); Rep. Sara Cambensy (District 109); Dakota Soda
Subject: HB 5917

House Agriculture Committee Members:

It has come to my attention that a bill will be introduced at the House of Agriculture Committee tomorrow known as the "Petland Bill". This bill is intended to block cities and counties from passing pet retail bans in their communities.

Over the past few years, animal rescue groups have been working to protect animals sold in pet stores from harm from commercial breeders and individuals selling sick animals around the state. Across the country, cities and counties are taking a stand against not only puppy mills but irresponsible breeders of other species (kittens, rabbits, ferrets, etc.) by adopting retail pet sale bans.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Rachel Tuuk

Dakota Soda

From: rod slachter [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 4:13 PM
To: Rep. Tom Barrett (District 71); JulieAlendaer@house.mi.gov; Rep. Dan Lauwers (District 81); Rep. Gary Howell (District 82); Rep. Thomas Albert (District 86); Rep. Julie Calley (District 87); Rep. Ben Frederick (District 85); Rep. Brian Elder (District 96); Rep. Phil Phelps (District 49); Rep. Terry Sabo (District 92); Rep. Tim Sneller (District 50); Rep. Sara Cambensy (District 109); Dakota Soda; rod slachter
Subject: Petland Bill

Dear House Agriculture Members,

I am extremely disappointed to learn that there is great potential of the Petland Bill passing tomorrow that would block cities from passing pet retail bans. So many cities and counties across the United States have taken a firm stance on the inhumane treatment of animals by retail pet store. I urge and plead that you all please take a few minutes to educate yourselves on puppy mills, which are a direct source of pets supplied to retail chains.

You all have the chance to do something great, both locally and state-wide. Please do not allow such a tragic bill to pass.

Sincerely,

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From: Rachel Anderson <rachel@rands.com>
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Subject: Petland Bill

House Agriculture Committee Members:

It has come to my attention that a bill will be introduced at the House of Agriculture Committee tomorrow known as the "Petland Bill". This bill is intended to block cities and counties from passing pet retail bans in their communities.

Over the past few years, animal rescue groups have been working to protect animals sold in pet stores from harm from commercial breeders and individuals selling sick animals around the state. Across the country, cities and counties are taking a stand against not only puppy mills but irresponsible breeders of other species (kittens, rabbits, ferrets, etc.) by adopting retail pet sale bans.

Please do not allow this tactic to be pursued!! There is a reason these bans have been agreed upon by local governments; they do not want this activity in their community. This bill will make these local laws unenforceable at the local level stripping residents of the protection for animals that they desire.

Communities deserve to be self-governing.

Thank you for your consideration.