

(Your Street Address
Town, OH, zip)

(State Legislator's Name
Address, Floor)
Columbus, OH, zip

(Date)

Dear (So and So)

I am your constituent and I am writing to you about the implementation and intention of HB506, SB331 and ORC956 in which anyone who sells a dog in Ohio is considered a pet store. I realize and appreciate that the Ohio Department of Agriculture has agreed to temporarily suspend application and enforcement of the pet store license issue while the statute is being re-examined.

While I am not a dog breeder, I am seriously involved with dogs through *(AKC dog shows, UKC dog shows, lure coursing, fast cat, obedience, agility, tracking- whatever it is you do with dogs.)*

This current interpretation of what constitutes a pet store is of grave concern to me because of the chilling effect it would have on all dog sports in Ohio, on the availability of trained service dogs, even just the basic ability to obtain quality purebred puppies in our state.

The American Kennel Club estimates that every dog event held in a community brings in approximately \$350 per day per competitor— through lodging, meals, gasoline, veterinary services, entertainment and shopping. There are major events every weekend throughout the state, many drawing upwards of a thousand competitors each day. That's a significant amount of money coming into our local economies, including from the wallets of people who travel from adjacent states.

If serious breeders, those who are producing puppies for competition and service, are pressured into giving up, these events cannot survive and that would spell significant economic loss for the state.

This could be an excellent opportunity for input from Ohio's enormous community of accomplished dog enthusiasts on crafting dog-friendly legislation. Let Ohio lead the way in protecting purebred dog breeders, of being a center for dog-related events, and of harvesting the many economic advantages from doing so.

With sincere thanks for your consideration,

Cordially yours,

(signature)

(Printed name)