

[Your Street Address]
[Town, OH, zip]

[State Legislator's Name]
[Address, Floor]
Columbus, OH, 43215

[Date]

Dear [So and So]

I am your constituent and I am writing you with concern about the recent news that the Ohio Department of Legislature has determined that anyone who sells a puppy in Ohio is automatically a pet store.

I am not a breeder and I don't sell puppies, I just love dogs. But this strikes me as an unfair and nonsensical interpretation of the law. From the time that people have kept dogs, dogs have puppies that people give away or sell. With spay and neuter programs there's less of that, but someone who casually breeds an occasional litter of dogs in their home should not be considered a pet store.

A pet store is a retail establishment where anyone can go during their open hours and buy supplies and food and toys. Some pet stores do have puppies and kittens, but not all. These breeders live in their homes, with their dogs, who are pets. Their puppies are born in their homes. In their kitchens! What would it do to zoning, or insurance, or what if someone turned up that they didn't want to sell a puppy to? This isn't fair.

I hope that you will support making an exemption in the law for people who breed these beautiful dogs— they are not pet stores.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

[signature]

[typed name]