

**Dear AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES Committee:**

**While I am generally a great believer in animal rights, I think this bill misses the mark. Not only does it restrict private property rights, but it misses another segment of animals that rarely receive attention. All those "crates" that people leave their dogs in all day in their apartments and "kennels" that are inadequate for the size of the animal are not addressed and likely cannot be. I would rather someone tie their animal out on their own property with access to water (all day) and consistently fed at regular intervals, and protected from the elements. Just restricting them to a certain number of hours does not address other necessary issues such as the clean up of feces. Perhaps a consideration of the full range of the plight of animals would be in order; along with addressing how a bill such as this does not violate private property rights.**

**If someone ties their animal out on a 15 ft tether or on a zipline does not address what kind of weather they should be out in either.....**

### **ALERT PET LOVERS**

HB2783 will be heard on March 26<sup>th</sup> before the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. This bill makes inadequate tethering of a domestic animal a Class B violation. Requires tether to be at least 15 ft. if left for more than 5 hours in a day or 10 hours on a zipline with few exceptions. It is subject to a Class B violation which has a \$1,000 fine. This would prevent some apartment dwellers and even people with small yards from owning a pet and does nothing to address the cruelty that has been in the news.