

I strongly oppose HB 2804 and don't believe that there should be laws restricting a person's choice about where to purchase a pet. The decision of pet ownership and where a person can purchase their pet is personal. I myself work in a pet store that helps local puppies find their forever homes. I provide education to new owners on the care of their new pet, I know that the puppies are from responsible breeders, I know that they receive professional care from local vets and I care very much about all the animals while they are with us.

We build relationships in our community, with pet owners coming in often to update us, often bringing their pets to visit the staff who spent a great amount of time socializing and providing care to their pet before they found their homes. This bill has the potential to destroy those community relationships and remove choice in addition to causing harm to local businesses and the families who rely on these businesses.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Sarah Mader