

Chairman Kyle Hoffman
Members of the Kansas State House Agricultural Committee

Honorable Representatives:

I am Rebecca Mosshart, member of the Kansas Federation of Animal Owners, licensed kennel owner since the mid 1980's. I am here to discuss SB 47.

As I understand it SB 47 was originally submitted because the KLA folks feel that the Kansas Pet Animal Act enforcement is consuming too much of the funding. This bill has been brought up in the legislature and defeated for the last several years.

The way I think SB 47 should be advanced is to strip every change as proposed, including all amendments, in SB 47 EXCEPT for the proposed changes to increase the licensing fees.

I attended several Town Hall meetings approximately 18 to 20 years ago that were put on by the USDA, including the final meeting in Washington DC. I will never forget what a woman from Austin Texas shared with the rest of us. She was a representative of some of the Animal Rights groups that were in attendance. She vowed that if they could not put pet animal breeders, dealers and other similar enterprises directly out of business, that she and those who thought the same way would "LEGISLATE US SILLY!" This is what I see happening with the amendments that have been added to this bill as suggested by the Humane Society of the United States. Looks to me like the Senate subcommittee gave the HSUS folks a blank check for what they wanted! I think that former Senator who is now the Executive Director of the HSUS Kansas Legislative fund made it perfectly clear that she was there to "support" those who supported the HSUS ideas. It's a shame when our legislators can be swayed by the big money and ideas of organizations like HSUS, PETA, etc.

Either vote SB 47 down, or advance it with only the change being that of the increase in licensing fees. My husband, Sam Mosshart, who is President of the Kansas Federation of Animal Owners, has not taken time to put his thoughts in a new letter addressing SB 47 and the changes that have been made to it. He is very busy taking care of his neighbors, his own ranch and livestock, etc. due to the recent wildfires in Clark and Comanche Counties.

Sincerely,

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