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Dear Chairman Kerschen and Members of the Committee:

I've lived in Kansas for more than 40 years but didn't become aware of the scourge of puppy mills in our state until a few years ago when I was volunteering at a Chihuahua adoption event. At the event I overheard a shelter worker explain to an adopter that Kansas shelters receive hundreds of Chihuahuas every year due to the prevalence of Chihuahua puppy mills in Kansas.

I now know Kansas ranks second in a three-way tie with Pennsylvania and Ohio for being the worst puppy mill state in the country due to a lack of regulation, oversight, and inspection protocol that allows inhumane and unscrupulous breeders to operate freely.

Fortunately HB 2477 as amended by the full House offers an opportunity to take the first step in ensuring that all dog breeders in our state are held to a high standard of care for the animals on their property and are inspected regularly and without prior notification.

Kansans do not want puppy mills in our state. Please support HB 2477 as amended by the full House.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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