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Senator Rick Billinger
Chairman Dan Kerschen
Agriculture Committee Members,

FROM: Sharon Munk and extended families in Menlo, Kansas (out by Colby)

Dear Senators,

Governor Hayden appointed myself to the first ever Pet Animal Advisory Board, as the breeder representative. With Dr. Moiser from K-State as our chairperson, we rewrote the 1988 law, line by line, with much discussion and fine detail. Ever since 1991, with the passing of that rewrite...KANSAS has been known as the MODEL STATE. **DO NOT MOVE US OUT OF THE ANIMAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**

We need to stay with the animal health commissioner....if for no other reason, to protect us from the ANIMAL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS. Our former director, Tyler Kauer did an excellent job for the program. She answered all of the recommendations of the 2017 audit. She was pushed out of the directors position. I was told: "She is not qualified for the job!" This program was very successful in the early years with a lawyer, Debra Duncan as director. It was and is cheaper for the program to hire a director that has manager skills, and when veterinarian advise is needed, they can ask the veterinarians working in the animal health division for advice and help.

A new director for the program, a veterinarian was recently hired. Let her get her feet wet, and give her the chance to prove her worth, before you move us out from under the Animal Health Department.

STOP: and ask yourselves **WHY?** Why is the Governor and her Secretary attempting this move. If you can't answer that **WHY** question....
DON'T MOVE US.

The 'health of animals' belongs in the animal health department.

The current Pet Animal Advisory Board voted to SLAP this Bill down and leave the program under the direction of the Animal Health Commissioner. The Secretary allready has his fingers in the pie, since the animal health department was moved to the agriculture department in 2012 or so.

Changes in this bill that the current advisory board was not aware of. See the bottom of page 10 of SB551. Sheila Frahm helped me word and put that 'three year' clause in the bill. Give me a chance to explain the reasoning to you, and I'm sure you will agree with me.

Sincerely,

Sharon Munk. professional pet animal breeder/distributor since 1978.