

## Kansas Pet Professionals

Dedicated to Ensuring the Health of KANSAS Pets and the Humane Care of ALL Animals.

Dear Chairman Rahjes and members of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee:

The Board of Directors and members of the Kansas Pet Professionals would like to voice our opposition to HB2542 as it is currently written and presented. This past year, the Kansas Pet Professionals organization was instrumental in creating a working group that included representation from the organization, the Kansas Department of Agriculture, licensees, the Governor's office, the Pet Animal Advisory Board, AKC Legislative team and other industry leaders for the purpose of collaborating on an anticipated bill for 2024. HB2542 is not the product of these collaborations.

It is our hope that this working group can continue to put forth the efforts needed to form a unified voice that protects not only the animals in Kansas, but every business and organization that dedicates their lives to healthy animals.

Sincerely,

Michelle Russell

Kansas Pet Professionals President and

Kansas Pet Professionals Legislative Team