

Puppies Extraordinaire, LLC

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Dear Senators of the Agriculture Committee;

**RE: Senate Bill # 57**

We own and operate a professional kennel in Jackson county. We currently employ 3 full time, 2 part time and 5 high school students on weekends.

We have a breeder/distributor license for both our Kansas license and our USDA license. This means that we can legally sell the puppies of other breeder's for them. By diversifying our operations, we are able to not only help other breeders sell their puppies, but we are also able to add an extra income. Let's face it....our economy is horrible right now! Our cost of labor, food, veterinarian and operating expenses keeps rising every day.

***Please don't allow DUAL fees.*** We have chosen to diversify because it helps us make ends meet –pay our bills and employees –and most of all....stay in business! This is a premise inspection program. When I choose to sell other breeder's puppies...these transactions are happening on THIS ONE PREMISE. If you choose to allow dual fees (making breeders pay extra to also be a distributor) you are harming the livelihood of many breeders involved and ultimately hurting the economy for our state! Small breeders choose to sell their puppies to other breeders with a distributor's license because of convenience, simplicity and price. This is not a huge money making effort, so to charge dual fees would place an unnecessary financial burden on those that chose dual licenses –resulting in “dropping” that portion of the license and then the state wouldn't even need to worry about getting in any extra income as there won't be any need? It almost seems as though the Department of Agriculture would rather NOT have any professional kennels in our state?

Please consider **NOT charging DUAL FEES !**

Sincerely,



Lorilee Thomas, breeder license and distributor license

Senate Agriculture Committee

Date: 2-6-13

Attachment # 5-1

*Lorilee Thomas, Breeder*