



The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building, Executive Chamber
Albany, NY 12224

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Dear Governor Hochul,

As proud New Yorkers and animal lovers, we urge you to sign S.1130 to shut down the puppy mill pipeline by ending the retail sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in New York pet stores.

This bill would strike a historic blow to the cruel puppy mill industry, and demonstrate New York's strong commitment to animal welfare and consumer protection. The puppies currently for sale in New York pet stores arrived in our state through a pipeline of out-of-state breeders and middlemen who ship animals from puppy mills. It's a cruel and broken system made possible because in New York State, it's still legal to sell dogs in pet stores.

Ending the retail sale of puppy mill dogs in pet stores is not a new concept –hundreds of communities across the country have already prohibited these transactions, and the New York City Council has also approved a resolution vocalizing its firm support for the bill. You have the opportunity to break this cycle of cruelty by shutting down the puppy mill pipeline to make it harder for commercial breeders to profit from cruelty, and public support is clear: 8 out of 10 New York residents support the end of pet store dog sales.

The legislature overwhelmingly passed S.1130 this session with wide regional and bipartisan support. Please finally end this cycle of consumer deception and animal suffering by signing S.1130 into law as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding, and consideration of this historic bill.

Sincerely,

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