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Members of the Criminal Justice Committee,

Thank you for considering SB 285/286 for review this week. My organization, Puppy Mill Awareness of SE Michigan, has been tracking the seizure by Michigan law enforcement officials of animals from large-scale cruelty cases since 2005. We are deeply concerned that many of the repeat offenders of the state's pet shop law, as well as those who neglect large numbers of animals in breeding facilities, receive little or no meaningful punishment. Sentencing usually includes a two year probation and some are still allowed to have animals. The cost to the counties in these cases sometimes reaches over $30,000.

Attached is a log of large-scale seizures by law enforcement officials of animals in pet stores and breeding facilities in Michigan, which demonstrates that this is an ongoing concern for our state.

Please approve SB 285/286 to ensure that neglectful dog breeders and pet stores are defined in our state's animal cruelty statute and large-scale offenders receive stiffer penalties.

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2005 – 2013 known large scale animal seizers in Michigan including sentencing

Year	Description	Name	Kennel or Pet Store Name	County	Probation	Jail Time	Restrictions	Community Service	Mental Health	Restitution
2005	79 dogs seized	Pamela Keehbauch		Isabella	2 Years	90 days (suspended)	No Animals	200 hours	Counseling	$14,000 - $38,000
2006	Over 80 dogs seized	Virginia Lawrence		Calhoun	1 Year					$2,000
2007	232 Dogs seized	John & Suzette		Barry						
2008	67 Dogs seized	Lori Nichiow	Lornich Kennels	Macomb	5 Years	90 days for probation				
2008	Almost 60 animals seized	Patrick & Dixie Plunkett		Sanilac	3 Years	30 days (waived)	One dog and one parrot			$20,000
2009	70 Animals Seized	Kim Koss		Genesee	2 Years					
2009	69 dogs seized	Joan Skillman		Ingham	2 Years					>$8,000
2009	33 dogs seized	Timothy Spurlock	Ackley Kennels	Washtenaw						
2010	24 dogs seized	Laura Springborn		Livingston	2 Years		No Animals			
2010	54 dogs seized	Donald and Kathe	(mostly Whippets	Washtenaw						$891
2010	50 dogs ticketed	Cheri Lane	My Puppy	Genesee						
2010	over 75 dogs seized	Roxanne Webster	(mostly Dachshunds)	Livingston	2 Years		No Animals, except horses		Counseling	
2011	29 cocker spaniels			Washtenaw						
2011	11 cocker spaniels			Washtenaw						
2011	11 Chihuahuas Seized	James Griffen		Ontonagon	2 Years	40 days				
2011	80 dogs seized	Candace Shepard-Younce		Montcalm						
2011	16 dogs taken by rescue			Newygo						
2012	380 dogs seized	Cheri and George		Allegan	2 Years	60 days in jail	No Animals		Counseling	$1,000
2012	10 dogs seized	Linda		Macomb						
2012	275 animals seized (20 dogs and 70 birds, along with guinea pigs, hamsters, frogs, snakes, lizards, tarantulas, chinchillas, mice and rats)	Ramzi Dakhlallah	Pet Station	Wayne	5 years		Can not possess, harbor, or sell animals. He can not import, breed, sell or	20 hours	n/a	TBD estimated to be over $10,000 (low estimate)
2013	160 dogs seized	John Jones	JRT John's Jack R	Missaukee						
2013	60 animals seized (dogs, cats, rabbits, roosters, birds, reptiles, turtles,	Dennis Jones	Greenwood Pets	Macomb	2 years	6 months (suspended) Served ~ 1	No animals, avoid alcohol, undergo	perform 60 hours of community		TBD (goat?) and pay court costs.
2013	66 shelties seized, 2 found dead	Jean Hansen		Midland						