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Bill:

Date:

My name is Will Karspeck and I
am proud to represent the Town of
BERTHOUND and our constituents. ^{Both 2 and 4 legged}

Mayor.

The TOWN OF BERTHOUND has decided to

Name <u>Will KARSPECK</u>		
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Telephone: (optional)		
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Representing <u>TOWN OF BERTHOUND</u>		
Position on Bill:	For	Against
	Neutral	

Withdraw our support FOR HB20-1084. This is based on consequences which stem
from alterations made today. To be clear these are alterations that do not adequately
protect the breeding dogs and cats currently suffering in puppy mills.

The repercussions of this bill have the potential to legitimize the practice
which we wish to prohibit. In particular, puppy mills, and thus are not
in line with the spirit of the Towns concerted efforts.

One of note is the exclusion of the retail sales ban. Berthoud instituted a retail
sales ban on dogs and cats; and we hope it can serve as a model for others.

The alternative, a "sourcing standard" may inadvertently "standardize the source"
~~and~~ and normalize the practice. Legitimate breeders do not sell
in its current state HB20-1084 may make this cruel practice legitimate
and provide a false sense of finality to residents and supporters

Thank you very much for your time. who are focused on ending puppy
mills.

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Bill: 1084

Date:

Good afternoon, my name is
Samantha and I am a proud
member of the pet city staff
in CO. 2 1/2 years ago
I moved here from Texas

Name <u>Samantha Finny</u>		
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Telephone: (optional)		
Email: (optional)		
Representing		
Position on Bill: 1084	For	Against
	Neutral	X

ready for a fresh start. Looking for employment options, I stumbled across a post that the local pet store, pet city, was hiring. I went into the interview not expecting much. Just your average retail environment that focuses on pet supplies. But I was wrong! The first time I walked into pet city I was greeted by a variety of animals and smiles, I even noticed a pet janitor cleaning a small animal unit at the front of the store. Right away I could tell the people working were caring and compassionate. ~~I~~ I knew I wanted to be a part of it. I was hired in Oct. of 2017 and have been grateful for the opportunity since day one. I can honestly say that Pet City has genuinely made my life better. I have learned more than I could ever imagine on proper care, need and handling when it comes to taking care of our precious pets. I love my job! I love what I do and I am proud to represent Pet City because I truly believe we do the right

thing. We take care of these animals better than we
take care of ourselves. We all want what is best for
our pets which is happiness, love and safety. That is
the very least we provide for all of our animals from
the smallest fish, to the bunnies + birds, to the kittens
and the biggest pups. Please ~~don't~~ do not deprive them from
our hospitality for they will be the ones suffering if you take
us away. Thank you for your time and I hope I have
made an impact on your decision today.

Good afternoon, my name is Samantha and I am a proud member of the Pet City staff in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Two and a half years ago I moved here from Texas ready for a fresh start. Looking for employment options I stumbled across a post that the local pet store, Pet City, was hiring. I went into the interview not expecting much, just your average retail environment that focuses on pet supplies. Boy was I wrong!

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I love my job! I love what I do, I am proud of what I do and I am proud to represent Pet City because I truly believe that we do the right thing. We all take care of the animals better than we take care of ourselves. We all want what is best for our pets which is happiness, love and safety. That is the VERY least we provide for all of our animals from the smallest fishies, to the bunnies, to the kittiens and to the biggest pups. Please do not deprive them from our hospitality for they will be the ones suffering if you take us away. Thank you for your time, and I hope I have made an impact on your decision.

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Bill: 1084

Date: 2/3/20

Hi my name is Melanie. I have had the privilege to work for a company that is dedicated to every animals welfare. We prioritize educating not only employees, but anyone that comes into our store. We are always looking to improve procedure and follow a strict protocol and regulations put in place. There is an endless amount of love for all animals in our store. ALL the animals have their own unique personality. I am proud to be their voice for 20 years. I am one of the many eyes that do overall health checks on the animals daily. I feed, water, and sanitize their living quarters while in transition to their forever home. I am proud to work for a store that respects all animals big and small and deeply cares for each soul. I would be devastated to live in a state where you don't have the freedom of choice. I believe there can be good and bad aspects to everything, but there things like education, and regulations that can make a bigger difference in all lives. Thank you for taking time to hear my voice today.

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Position on Bill:	For	Against ☒
	Neutral	

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Bill:

Date:

2/3/2020

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Representing		
Position on Bill: <u>1084</u>	For	Against <u>X</u>
	Neutral	

This Bill will restrict
responsible pure bred
dog breeders, who

are currently breeding purposefully-bred dogs;
breeding only the top-quality dogs that
have had a series of costly genetic
testing done, thereby striving for the
healthiest puppies. This bill will,
result in more costs & stonewall those
breeders already working hard to improve
their breed. These passionate people

may well give up this dream because
of these additional hoops to jump through
These are the same people running their
breeds' rescues. This bill will also

hinder the good work those people do
in rehoming purebred rescue dogs. The
hours they put into this task is completely done

on a volunteer basis, & would most likely
diminish as a result. Lastly, breeders
having to re-home a breeding animal after
done breeding is ridiculous & will eliminate
over

75% - 90% of the responsible breeders from
breeding because these are also our
pets we could never give up. For that
reason alone, this bill should be voted
down.
That Breeders matter the public,
new breeders + rescues on what
"Good" looks like - It's how we
give back to our Breeds.

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Bill:

Date: Apr 2-3-2020

I believe that putting pressure on breeders designed to curtail breeding is a mistake. We do not

have a dog over population problem in this country. About 1 million dogs are imported into the US every year. 40,000 into Colorado.

Back in the 70s, we did have a serious over-population problem. A push for spay/neuter began and it was effective. Like many movements - the pendulum swung too far. The drop in breeding opened the door for large scale commercial breeding. If we further cut into breeding we only open the door to increased imports. How long before we see large scale breeders set up in foreign countries to supply the demand in the U.S.A.? If you don't like puppy mills in this country, imagine the conditions that would exist in a poor third world country puppy mill.

There may be pockets of dog overpopulation in the U.S. Dogs from these areas are routinely shipped to areas with a shortage of dogs.

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Representing		
Position on Bill:	For	Against
SB 1084	Neutral	X

Over →

People see pictures of dogs in shelters and assume that means we have too many dogs. The truth is that there will always be a need for shelters and rescues. Because—life. People lose jobs, move, get divorced, need to work more, get sick, and die. There will always be dogs who need to be rehomed. Sadly the main reason dogs end up in shelters is lack of training.

If we truly had an overpopulation problem, you would see people ~~be~~ bringing in litters of puppies that they could not find homes for. But we don't see that. The only people bringing in puppies are people who don't or can't make an effort to find homes for those pups. Virtually all dogs in our shelters had a home at one point.