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Dear Chair & Members of the House Corporation Committee:

Volunteer Services for Animals writes in support of H5214 which if passed will ban the sale of parrots at pet stores from breeders, brokers, outdoor sales, and parking lots.

This legislation is so important because of the overflow of parrots presently housed by Rhode Island rescue groups.

Any legislation that will help to stop further increases in the parrot population in our state will be welcomed. These poor birds with their long lives are in need of humane protection.

We thank the sponsors of H5214 who are copied in this testimony, and we respectfully ask for your consideration.

Very respectfully yours,  
Joanne J. Rongo  
Chair writing for the Board of Directors & Volunteers

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**Spay/neuter is the humane response to overpopulation.**  
**Factory farmed animals are among the most abused animals on Earth.**  
**Thank you for helping VSA save lives and change minds.**