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Subject: NO to H5214

I oppose House Bill 5214 as a Rhode Island resident and responsible animal owner. This bill paints all bird breeders and pet shops as being guilty of animal cruelty. Rhode Island already has animal cruelty laws, including Title 4, Chapter 1, titled Cruelty to Animals (Gen. Laws, 1956, § 4-1). This and other laws can be enforced in cases of animal cruelty.

Pet shops are heavily regulated, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulates bird breeders. H5214 is a redundant and superfluous law. Animals in pet shops are already protected under multiple layers of law and regulation.

Rhode Island legislators should be using our state's resources on more important matters than writing redundant laws. Please stop H5214 before this bad bill further advances the radical animal rights agenda to remove all pets from our lives. Thank you for your time, and have a good day.

Sincerely,

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