

Dear committee members,

My name is Stephanie Soscia. I am writing today to ask you to vote YES on House Bill H-5214 and H-5025.

H-5214 would ban the sale of parrots at pet stores from a breeder or broker. Pet stores may only sell parrots obtained from animal care facilities or animal rescue organizations. Sale would also be prohibited at any outdoor markets or retail parking lots.

H-5025 would provide that the trapping and subsequent release of any unowned feral or free roaming cat for the purpose of spaying or neutering of the cat would not be considered abandonment.

This is imperative to reduce suffering and the population of free roaming and feral cats.

Please vote YES to help and protect those without a voice of their own.

Kind regards,

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