



As a recognized [animal welfare organization/veterinarian/business] in Michigan, I am contacting you on behalf of the [Michigan Friends of Companion Animals](#) with an invitation to join our coalition to help pass stronger laws and ordinances to protect animals in breeding facilities and families from irresponsible pet retailers.

With the introduction of new legislation in Lansing and a model retail ban ordinance in Macomb County, we need a large reputable network of animal welfare organizations and local businesses well connected and active during key decision making times. I believe your support will be instrumental in helping to protect breeding dogs in your community and within our state.

For the 2015-2016 legislative session, the coalition will focus on three goals:

1. Pass the Large Scale Commercial Dog Breeder Act SB 339, which will help to curb puppy mills in the state. [Fact Sheet](#)
2. Pass the Humane Pet Acquisition Ordinance in local communities, which will protect families from irresponsible pet retailers. [Fact Sheet](#)
3. Sign-on pet supply stores to the [Puppy Friendly Pet Store Program](#) to make an official policy not to sell puppies or kittens.

### **HOW TO JOIN**

You will be joining a group of reputable animal advocacy and rescue organizations who have been actively lobbying in Lansing since 2009 including Puppy Mill Awareness and The Humane Society of the United States. Together we can foster more positive change throughout the state. We know your time is valuable and are only asking for minimal commitments on your part.

1. Send logo.
2. Provide a one page letter of support on letterhead. An example letter and template are attached.

If you would like to learn more about the coalition and how to be more involved, a two page brochure is attached. We will also be holding monthly workshops and webinars focused on how to pass pet retail ban ordinances in your city July – November. Please see our event schedule on our website for more details.

We are proud to call Michigan home and even more honored by our state's reputation for companion animals: recently, the Animal Legal Defense Fund ranked Michigan in the top five states for animal protections. While progress is being made, there is still much more that can be done. Your involvement in and support for Michigan Friends of Companion Animals is needed. Please review our invitation with your staff and board members and let us know by August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Feel free to contact me to further discuss the invitation, our goals, and tasks.

Thank you for considering this important matter and I look forward to hearing back from you about this opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pam Sordyl". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

PDF Invitation for printing.  
Brochure  
Letter of Support Example  
Letter of Support Template