



Irish Wolfhound Club of America, Inc.

June 19, 2010  
The Honorable Representative Paul Luebke  
Senior Chairman, NC House Finance Committee  
North Carolina House of Representatives  
300 N. Salisbury Street, Room 529  
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Sent via email: [Rep. Paul Luebke](mailto:Rep.Paul.Luebke)

Subject: OPPOSE North Carolina Senate Bill 460 – ‘Commercial Dog Breeder Regulation’

Dear Chairman Luebke;

I am writing on behalf of the Irish Wolfhound Club of America (IWCA) and the IWCA Legislative Committee (IWCA-LC). The IWCA is the parent club for Irish Wolfhound owner's nation-wide, as well as the anchor for 14 regional and local clubs.

The IWCA is in opposition to SB 460. SB 460, as currently proposed, is a misguided bill, containing unreasonable requirements and regulations that are based on misleading and unsubstantiated ‘facts’.

SB 460 states that ‘nothing in this act shall be construed to interfere with an individual’s right to participate in hunting and working activities with dogs; ...’, however, the bill only exempts those who board or train, not those who breed for show, sporting, hunting or working.

North Carolina has existing law that regulates and licenses large Commercial Dog Breeders (North Carolina Animal Welfare Act as provided under Article 3 of the North Carolina General Statutes 19A-29). Laws against animal cruelty and neglect are already in place. Existing laws should be enforced in lieu of enacting new regulations. Existing regulation, if enforced, can ensure sanitary and humane environments for dog breeding facilities rendering SB 460 unnecessary and redundant.

SB 460 imposes an additional, unnecessary layer of regulation on responsible dog owners and breeders in North Carolina, including warrantless inspections of private homes and property. SB 460 is an unfunded mandate and as such, financial responsibility falls on already financially stressed counties. Enforcement of current laws would be a much more effective use of taxpayer funds.

The IWCA-LC on behalf of the IWCA membership, many of whom are residents of North Carolina, respectfully urges you to vote ‘NO’ when SB 460 is brought before the North Carolina House Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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