

June 10, 2021

The Hon. Representative Mike Doyle
House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

The Hon. Representative Christopher Smith
House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Doyle and Smith,

On behalf of Rise for Animals (Rise), and our membership throughout the United States, we are writing to convey our strongest endorsement of and support for your legislation, the Pet Safety and Protection Act (H.R. 3187, 117th).

If enacted into law, H.R. 3187, would prohibit Class B dealers from selling cats and dogs to researchers. Class B dealers in particular need regulation because of how often they obtain companion animals through illegal means. The Animal Welfare Act (AWA) was originally created to prevent the theft of companion animals who were later sold to research laboratories where painful scientific experiments were conducted on them. The Pet Safety and Protection Act aims to uphold the goals of the AWA, and makes sure to close any loopholes that could cause owners to unknowingly give their companion animals away for research purposes.

Rise appreciates you and your staff for your leadership on this important legislation, and we look forward to working with you and your colleagues in support of passage of the Pet Safety and Protection Act.

Sincerely,



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