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Dear Congress,

It's been more than 50 years since Life Magazine exposed the heinous practice of pets being stolen and sold to research laboratories, a tragedy that so many animals and families have had to endure. USDA-licensed Class B dealers have been charged and convicted with numerous instances of selling stolen or fraudulently obtained cats and dogs. Class B dealers have been sentenced to precedent-setting state and federal prison sentences. Yet, some five decades later, a permanent solution to prevent this animal abuse once and for all remains elusive. Now is the time for Congress to right this wrong.



Congressmen Mike Doyle (D-PA) and Chris Smith (R-NJ) have introduced the Pet Safety and Protection Act (H.R. 3187), which would protect stolen and abandoned companion animals from being sold for research experiments. We ask you to please support this bill and its passage in this Congress.

For the past 10 years, Congress has temporarily banned the licensing of so-called Class B dealers who sell these "random-sourced" animals to scientific research, thus halting their operations, with little opposition. Unfortunately, this progress does not guarantee permanent protection for pets and other animals who are vulnerable to this horrific practice. Unless the Pet Safety and Protection Act passes to eliminate Class B dealers permanently, they will resurge and come back again.

We, the undersigned, strongly support the Pet Safety and Protection Act and all efforts to ban Class B dealers. Passing the Pet Safety and Protection Act will save countless animals – and so many pet owners – from a terrible fate.

On behalf of my friends, I thank you for your urgent consideration and passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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