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Dear Michigan Kennel Clubs and Dog Owners:

Our rights as responsible dog owners, fanciers and breeders continue to be threatened. The AKC Government Relations Department is currently tracking over 1,000 bills at the local, state, and federal level that have the potential to threaten the existence of responsible breeders, our right to own the dogs of our choice, and our ability to raise or show the purebred dogs that we have nurtured and struggled to improve and preserve for over 125 years.

As you know, the AKC Government Relations Department works closely with its state federations to address canine legislative issues around the country. Federations play a key role in ensuring that your rights as breeders, exhibitors, and owners are protected. AKC federations are generally comprised of kennel club volunteers and other responsible owners and breeders who care about the well-being of all dogs, the future of purebred dogs, and the right to responsibly own and breed dogs.

The Michigan Association for Pure-Bred Dogs (MAPBD) serves as your AKC state federation, working to protect and promote the rights of dog owners, fanciers and breeders in Michigan. For 45 years, MAPBD has promoted responsible dog ownership in Michigan. With each year, due to increased pressure from well-funded national animal rights groups, MAPBD has dramatically increased its effective volunteer lobbying efforts. They continue to lobby at both the state and local levels to keep Michigan a dog-friendly state.

The membership is a federation of 151 dog clubs and over 100 individual members. All their work is accomplished through volunteer efforts.

You can obtain more information on the Michigan Association for Pure-Bred Dogs by visiting their website at [www.mapbd.org](http://www.mapbd.org) or contacting Dr. Al Stinson, DVM, at [LSFC2@aol.com](mailto:LSFC2@aol.com).

As our rights continue to be threatened, it is essential that we work together with a united voice. We strongly encourage you to support your state federation to help ensure a strong, unified voice for dogs and dog owners in Michigan.

Together we can work to preserve our right to own, breed, and exhibit our beloved dogs for years to come.

Sincerely,

Sheila Goffe  
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