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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr.Carolynn Bissett
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From: Michelle Welch
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Date: November 23, 2021

Subject: Letter of Assurance for Regulations for the Inspection of Pet Shops Selling Dogs or Cats, 2 VAC 5-105.

I have reviewed the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services' proposed Regulations for the Inspection of Pet Shops Selling Dogs or Cats, 2 VAC 5-105. In my view, the Board may promulgate these regulations pursuant to § 3.2-6501.1 of the *Code of Virginia*. The regulations do not appear, on their face, to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with federal or state law currently in effect.

This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits of the proposed regulations.