

**Assembly Bill 702 Sample Letter for Dog Owners:**

**Subject: Please Vote NO on AB 702**

Dear Members of the California Assembly Business and Professions Committee:

I am writing you today because I am a constituent and I am concerned about Assembly Bill 702-- a measure that would impose unreasonable regulations on responsible dog breeders.

I purchased a purebred dog from a responsible California breeder. *Personalize here – Why did you choose to get a dog from a breeder? How did you choose the breeder? What steps did they take to assure you that you were purchasing a quality dog? Did you sign a contract?*

Assembly Bill 702 creates arbitrary requirements that are vague, confusing, and may not always be in the best interest of dogs. Bad breeders and owners breaking current laws will continue to do so, and responsible breeders will be punished. As a result, it will likely restrict my right to choose to purchase a dog from a responsible California breeder in the future.

As a taxpayer, I am also concerned about burden this would place on my community leaders who will be forced to find the resources to attempt to enforce this arbitrary, vague, and unnecessary bill. Data shows that shelter populations are actually decreasing across the state, negating the supposed urgent need for this bill.

*If you wish: View AKC's legislative alert at: <https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/california-breeder-permits-bill-ab-702-set-april-27-hearing-contact-committee-today/> to select one or two additional talking points that matter to you.*

Please vote “no” on Assembly Bill 702. Instead, focus on strong enforcement of current laws and consumer protection that hold owners and sellers accountable, protect dogs, and address real issues in California without punishing responsible breeders. Protect and preserve my right to choose the right pet for my family.

Sincerely,

Your Name

City, State