

Good morning,

I am standing against HB 1551 as a vote of UNFAVORABLE. I am extremely disappointed in this bill you are proposing. I am a Maryland breeder of Bedlington Terriers. I register all of my litters and I only breed usually once a year.

They are ALL tested for basic health requirements per our breed standard. They each visit my vet and also microchip each puppy prior to going home.

I am very aware of how some breeders do NOT do any of this. BUT I am not one of them and this bill would PUNISH harshly responsible breeders by requiring them to pay an annual fee and registration for each puppy. Ultimately, my owners would absorb this fee and IT IS UNFAIR.

My breed is a rare and endangered breed AND you plan to discourage people from owning a Bedlington because you are choosing to punish the irresponsible people along with the responsible ones!

I SAY STOP THIS RIGHT NOW!!!!

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