



PEOPLE FOR
THE ETHICAL
TREATMENT
OF ANIMALS

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The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr., Chair
Members of the Rhode Island House Committee on Corporations

Via e-mail: HouseCorporations@rilegislature.gov

Dear Representative Solomon and Committee Members:

I'm writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals—PETA entities have more than 10 million members and supporters worldwide, including almost 24,000 in Rhode Island—in support of [H7334](#), a bill to ban the retail sale of parrots sourced from breeders and animal brokers. If passed, this bill would protect parrots from being bred into captivity, where they are denied everything that is natural and important to them.

The vast majority of birds sold in pet stores come from high-volume commercial breeding facilities where thousands of birds are crammed into barren cages inside filthy warehouses. In these facilities, birds are routinely denied any enrichment, they're prevented from flying and flocking with other birds, and baby birds are taken from their parents prematurely to force mother birds to lay eggs more quickly. Breeders treat birds as disposable commodities to be churned out as quickly and cheaply as possible, with little to no regard for their health and well-being.

Parrots are highly social animals who, in nature, are rarely alone. They live in close-knit flocks, flying and foraging together during the day and sleeping together in the same tree at night. Many parrots spend their entire lives with one partner, with whom they share parenting duties. Parrots bred to be sold into the pet trade are sentenced to lives of loneliness and deprivation. Captive parrots often have their wings clipped, completely eliminating their ability to fly, so they spend their days languishing behind metal bars as their muscles atrophy. As a result of being isolated from members of their own species and denied the ability to fly, these profoundly social birds, some of whom can live up to 80 years, often develop stress-induced behavioral disorders and spend their days repeatedly screaming out, pacing in their cages, and engaging in self-mutilation.

Parrots' physical, social, and psychological needs cannot be met in domestic environments. When people discover they're unprepared for the intensive care requirements—including specialized diets that are difficult to replicate, costly veterinary needs, and lifespans that can stretch across generations—stress escalates, behavioral issues emerge, and many birds are relinquished or outlive their caretakers, leading animal shelters and parrot sanctuaries to be inundated with surrender requests. Yet breeders continue to saturate the market with more and more parrots, while major retailers like Petco and PetSmart sell them to anyone with a credit card, with no regard for each parrot's health and well-being, all for the sake of profit.

Please support H7334 to help spare parrots from a lifetime of isolation, distress,

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and suffering. Thank you for your consideration and for all that you do for Rhode Island.

Most respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Allison Fandl".

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