

February 15, 1972

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Mr. I. R. Ikeler, Owner
Ike's Aqua-Mart
2301 North Arkansas
Wichita, Kansas 67204

Dear Mr. Ikeler:

Thank you for your letter of February 1 expressing your concern over the new laws which affect the sale of pet birds and bird supplies.

The new restrictions were promulgated under animal quarantine regulations and were enacted to develop safety precautions against the infection of the domestic poultry industry with a disease currently entering our country by way of infected imported pets. The rules call for both a post- and pre-importation quarantine on Mynah and Psittasine birds and will only have an indirect effect on the sale of such birds and bird supplies in the United States as would result from the delaying effect of import procedures.

The governmental procedure which evolved these rules did not call for a public hearing. Instead the proposed rules were published in the Federal Register and an opportunity was granted during a time period thereafter for anyone to voice an objection or suggestion concerning the proposed rules. The Association of Animal and Fish Distributors did voice its opposition to the rules.

I appreciate your concern in this matter and hope a regulatory scheme will be used which will effectively protect both the poultry and pet industries.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
United States Senate

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Robert Dole
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Dole:

Proposed legislation of changes or modifications of Part 92, Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations of January 21, 1972, will virtually eliminate the sale of Birds, Bird Cages, Bird Seed, and all accessories too numerous to mention that compliment the sale and keeping of birds.

If enacted, this will do irreparable financial damage to my business. As a taxpayer and businessman, I must protest this legislation. The provisions regarding the quarantine of birds have no reasonable relations to the purpose served of the new legislation and go far beyond the requirements. I WAS NEVER NOTIFIED OF ANY HEARINGS and I therefore respectfully request a Public Hearing whereby the Association of Animal and Fish Distributors Inc., can present alternate provisions for the protection of the Poultry Industry which would not destroy and segment of my business. These alternate proposals have already been submitted to the Department of Agriculture.

Thanking you for your prompt attention in this matter, I remain,

Yours very truly,

I K E ' S AQUA-MART



I. R. IKELER,
Owner

