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Date: February 21, 2012  
To: Senator Floyd Prozanski, Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
Re: **HB 4021-5**

Chair Prozanski, Members of the Committee:

I am a Special Agent Humane Investigator with the Oregon Humane Society and I strongly urge your support of HB 4021-5, the Humane Agent bill.

I have been a Special Agent with the Oregon Humane Society since March of 2011. Prior to this I was employed with the Hillsboro Police Department for almost 27 years, retiring with the rank of commander. During this past year I have learned a great deal about animal abuse and neglect and how to recognize the elements of those crimes. I have come to realize that, during my career as a police officer, I came across many incidents of animal abuse and/or neglect but did not recognize that what had happened to those animals was a crime. As a member of the Oregon Humane Society's investigations team I have helped several agencies with animal neglect and abuse cases. I have also visited several agencies in the greater Portland Metro area and given training presentations to help police officers recognize the signs of animal abuse and neglect.

As a Special Agent I have been able to use my years of police experience to investigate and help resolve cases by prosecution or by educating the offender. As a former commander of a police department, I recognize the importance of having an organization, like the Oregon Humane Society, available to help provide support and advice with investigations and to help bring to prosecution those individuals who commit these crimes of atrocity. OHS also plays an important role in taking over cases that, due to resources, public agencies may not be able to handle.

HB 4021-5 is a move that would enhance the effectiveness of the Oregon Humane Society's investigations team by moving it from a commission by the Governor's office to a commission by the Office of the State Police. I feel that this would be a very positive move for the Oregon Humane Society as well as the citizens of the State of Oregon. Please support HB 4021-5.

Sincerely,

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