Hello,

I am urging your committee to vote yes on HCR 16 which would make Oregon's state dog the Shelter Dog. This would be a fantastic way to raise awareness about adopting pets, thereby saving government dollars spent on sheltering pets! It's a win win win - people adopt dogs, the government saves money and dogs find new homes! This bill also acknowledges the people who work so hard volunteering and working as staff in shelters and rescues for far less money than they would make elsewhere simply because they love animals! This bill is all inclusive because EVERY breed of dog can be a rescue! Attached are a couple of photos of my favorite rescue dogs, Sam and Ninja. Thanks for your consideration!

Thank you,

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