

Dear House Rules Committee -

Thank you for your service in the House and on this important committee.

HCR16 may seem unimportant. But it's not. Like any good marketing tool, it gets the word out about the positive aspects of dog/pet adoption from shelters and rescues! State, counties and cities spend thousands and thousands of dollars every year combating stray, homeless and abused animal needs. Many animal shelters, staff, and resources are funded by government monies - either by mandates or by choice for the benefit of their communities. Lincoln County is an example. The County Animal Shelter is under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Office. Funds and services come from various sources both governmental and non-profit. The Shelter staff is even covered by PERS I believe.

The benefits of HCR16 are not just a tool to help control government financial resources, of course. The more people who see and become aware of the benefits of adopting a dog from these shelters and rescues, the more permanent, loving homes there will be for them. And that's a good thing in any form!

Voting Yes on HCR 16 is not just a good thing - it's a great, inexpensive marketing strategy!

Thank you for your time on this issue!

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