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Good Evening,

Please add this written testimony to the record for the committee hearing on HB 4045. I am resident of the State of Oregon.

As an Oregon resident, I ask that you please pass HB 4045 through your committee and recommend its passage. The bill is brief and to the point and will ensure that Oregon businesses who wish to sell dogs will only acquire them from shelters or other organizations that specialize in finding homes for stray dogs, dogs that are victims of neglect, and/or dogs whose owners can no longer care for them.

As a teen, I volunteered for several years at a local shelter in Pennsylvania, where I grew up, including being recognized as co-volunteer of the year. While my work was primarily with cats, I was intimately familiar with the plight of dogs in the shelter, many of whom had been left unceremoniously by their prior owners. They need love, affection, and homes, and HB 4045 will encourage this to happen.

I own 3 shelter pets myself (all cats) and they are lovely animals (one of whom is overseeing my testimony by perching on my shoulder!).

I urge you to approve HB 4045 and help shelter dogs find their forever homes, just as I have with my cats.

Thank you.

Robert McMonigal