Dear Committee Members:

As a resident of Bend, Oregon, I fully support SB638, which would require research laboratories to release dogs and cats no longer needed for tests, instead of euthanizing them, to shelters and rescue groups so that may be adopted into loving homes. Considering the lives that these unfortunate animals have led in the laboratory, it is the most humane step to take, giving them an opportunity for a new life in a new home.

As a leader in animal protection legislation, the state of Oregon should pass this bill and maintain its excellent standing in humane legislation. Other states that have passed similar legislation are New York, California, and Connecticut.

Research animals deserve a better ending then euthanization. Please support SB638.

Sincerely,

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