



March 20, 2019

Chairman Jeff Barker
House Committee on Business and Labor
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Re: HB 2804 Support

Dear Chairman Barker and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments in support of HB 2804, the bill to stop the sale of puppies and kittens at pet stores. I am Wendy Kang, Executive Director of Saving Grace Pet Adoption Center in Douglas County. Every day, Saving Grace works to find homes for dogs and cats in our community who for whatever reason need a safe and loving place to land. Sadly, too often we have more animals in need than available space. While Oregon's puppy mill law, passed in 2009, cracked down on cruel puppy mills in Oregon, it left a loophole that allows dogs raised in cruel puppy mills in other to be sold here in Oregon. SB 2804 closes this loophole to prevent retailers from selling dogs from puppy mills from being sold in Oregon, instead encouraging those outlets to cooperate with animal shelters to find homes for shelter dogs, as well as cats.

There are already a number of pet stores in Oregon that have shown that encouraging shelter pet adoption is a successful business model. HB 2804 furthers this trend and matches the desires of most Oregonians who look to their local animal shelter or humane society as the best and most responsible source for loving family pets.

For these reasons, I encourage you to pass HB 2804 with a "do pass" recommendation.

Thank you for considering my views and for your service to the people and animals of Oregon.


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