

Chair Prozanski and Members of the Committee: For the record, my name is Ethan Pak and I am a 6th-Grade student attending Five Oaks Middle School in Beaverton, Oregon. Thank you for inviting me to testify on behalf of Senate Bill 638 today.

This idea was formed when my group and I were doing a school project, UN Global Goals of life on land of all species at elmonica elementary last year. We were to identify something in the world that was an injustice, and take action to change it. Some of the topics that we came across were Greyhound racing, Dog fighting and Animal Abuse. Alex, a team member suggested the topic animal testing, right when Ms. Yeager came over to our group. Ms. Yeager told us that she had a friend, Shannon Keith that rescued Beagles after they are tested on so it was perfect. All of our team members agreed to continue to research on this topic.

So as we were researching we learned that Beagles were getting tested on because they won't act up when they are being ruled over. We saw what happened. Some after they were rescued were, afraid of grass, shy, had never seen sunlight and refused to come out of their cage. Even worse for others, they were killed. I thought this was wrong. But there can be hope. If they are loved and cared for, they can live a happy and full lives. We saw them play for the first time, ride in a car and share their happy moments with their new family. 100% of all dogs that are rescued get adopted. There are one thousand people on a waiting list to adopt one. So you don't need to worry that they will be a burden or end up back in shelters.

I think that the animals need a chance to get adopted before they just get euthanize. If you were in their shoes, would you want to be used and then discarded or have a chance at your life. Plus, who wants to kill an animal rather than saving it? If this bill passes, then dogs and cats will be saved from death.

This bill must pass. The animals that will be saved depend on it. The people waiting to adopt an animal will be satisfied.

The Senator came to our school and told us that if we believe in our dreams then we will achieve them. So I believe that this bill will pass.

Thank you for your time.