

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

Re: Support HB 2804

Dear Chairman Barker and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments in support of HB 2804, prohibiting retail pet stores from selling or offering to sell dogs, cats or rabbits acquired from a source other than animal shelter or rescue organization. Also imposes record keeping and signage requirements regarding dogs, cats and rabbits sold or offered for sale.

Dogs, cats and even rabbits provide so many Oregonian families with enrichment, friendship, companionship and love.

Dogs and cats have additionally provided so many of our Veterans with trusting companions that help reduce anxiety and symptoms of PTSD.

HB 2804 provides the opportunity for us to bring back the integrity for Oregonians searching for a furry companion to bring love and support to their home. This is such an easy step to take to interrupt those whose only goal is financial gain, with little or no consideration of what is lost.

Supporting HB 2804 lays the foundation for a more compassionate and kind process, giving shelter and rescue animals a second chance; a simple and kind gesture, we owe this to them and more!

Respectfully,

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