

Good morning Chair Barker, vice chairs Bynum and Barreto and members of the committee

For the record, my name is Patti Strand and I'm from Portland Oregon

I'm here to speak against HB 2804 -5-6, a bill that would destroy several small Oregon businesses

I am one lucky person for with my husband I have been able to indulge my passion, my love of dogs for nearly 50 years, developing a wonderful line of Dalmatians, enjoying the sport of dogs and the comradery of belonging to two of Oregon's 99 AKC kennel clubs, serving on the Multnomah County Animal Services advisory board and on the AKC board for 16 years.

Our kennel club members rescued dogs for as long as I can remember, and in the 80s joined forces to help clean up some of most horrendous breeding kennels imaginable, turning our garages into triage centers to handle scores of dogs taken from kennel busts.

As an AKC board member I was fortunate to be able help create a program to raise standards in large breeding facilities. This program spent over a million dollars a year for over a decade, and combined with the dedication of breeders and the passage of state and local laws, the commercial dog breeding sector has made revolutionary strides in the last 15 years,

This thrills me because I love seeing people succeed.

That's why I hate HB 2804

It punishes people who have transformed their business practices to comply with our laws, added consumer protection for their customers and changed how and from whom they source their dogs.

To me it is **unjust, immoral and Un-American** to destroy someone's business after they've met all that has been asked of them, especially on behalf of entities that are unregulated and tax-advantaged.