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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor

Measure: HB2915

Dear Members of the House Committee On Business and Labor,

I am writing to ask that you vote YES on HB2915, prohibiting future sales of dogs and cats in pet stores. I am hoping you are humane and care about the welfare of these animals. For pet store owners the puppies and kittens are mere commodities in which to make a profit. In consequence their mothers are kept in crates for life as puppy and kitten producers. Then the puppies and kittens are taken from their mothers at the young age of about 7 weeks. Often they are highly stressed and sick.

For this reason many states across the country have already banned the sale of dogs and cats in pet stores. Among these are other Western states. I would like my state of Oregon to also be humane enough to ban the sale of dogs and cats in pet stores.

Pets can be obtained from responsible breeders. Even better, they can be adopted from animal shelters and humane societies. I volunteered at a "kill" shelter where corpses of unwanted dogs and cats would be placed in large bins in the rear of the building before incinerated. Many of these could have made wonderful, loving pets.

Please vote YES on HB2915.

Sincerely,

Hillary Tiefer, PhD