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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor

Measure: HB2915

I'm writing to let you know there is a growing coalition of Oregonians – individuals like myself, pet store owners, animal rescue groups, shelters, responsible breeders, veterinarians, and more – who enthusiastically support the recently introduced HB 2915: A ban on the retail sale of dogs and cats by pet stores.

Similar to legislation that recently passed in Washington state, HB 2915 would grandfather in the six remaining small Oregon stores that still sell puppies and kittens. Oregon is the only market left open on the West coast to puppy-selling pet stores, now that our neighboring states have enacted pet store laws prohibiting the sale of puppies and kittens in pet stores. That's why passing HB 2915 is more important than ever, to help end the puppy mill-to-pet store pipeline and continue to drive the statewide pet industry toward more humane sources such as shelters, rescues, and responsible breeders.

More than 440 municipalities, including Bend and Beaverton, and six states – including California and Washington – have already enacted humane pet store laws similar to HB 2915. Without this legislation, Oregon will remain the sole open market on the west coast for the puppy mill industry and its pet store sales outlets.

Please join the growing number of us who support HB 2915, and vote in favor of it!

Sincerely,
Kim Norris in Portland