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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor

Measure: HB2915

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in behalf of HB 2915 to ban the sale of puppies and kittens in pet stores. As you know puppy mills and kitten mills that supply the pet stores are profit-seeking businesses that force animals to live in inhumane, deplorable conditions. These animals suffer tremendously and without regard so that the seller can make money. With so many animals in shelter, all looking for their forever home, we do not need to sell living beings. Animals are not "things" and are not commodities, they do not belong in stores with a price tag dictating their value.

It is time Oregon bans the sale of puppies and kittens and instead promotes the adoption of animals in need through the many rescues, shelters, fosters, and sanctuaries throughout Oregon.

Thank you
Andrea