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On Behalf Of:	
Committee:	Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure:	HB2915

To the Chair and Members of the Committee,

As an Oregon resident, I strongly support House Bill 2915, prohibiting future stores from selling puppies and kittens in Oregon. 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. Over 400 localities across 31 states and five states—including California and Washington—have already enacted a similar policy. With only six Oregon pet stores that still sell puppies and kittens, passing legislation 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.

Respectfully, Megan Mersino