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Please vote to pass this very important bill

This bill does not interfere with any educational shows, basic animal transport, and will not impact jobs held by circus owners.

6 states and nearly 150 other localities in 37 states have passed various restrictions governing the use of

wild animals in circuses and traveling shows, including in Oregon, Multnomah and Benton counties.

Animals in circuses suffer tremendous physical, psychological, and emotional trauma.

Elephants, lions, tigers, and chimpanzees are taken away from their mothers at a very young age and brought up in solitary confinement where they cannot exhibit natural behaviors.

Bullhooks, whips, tight collars, muzzles, electric prods, and other archaic tools are used to physically punish the animals and make them do tricks.

As well as using direct physical contact, circus animals are often forced to go without food and water when