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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
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To the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire,

The text of SB 1076 is far too broad and will have dire consequences to small breeders. Profit margins on livestock are extremely slim where they exist at all, and this measure imposes yet another burden on Oregon's small farmers without a benefit to them. The text as written essentially requires conscientious breeders who follow the law to subsidize mitigation for bad breeders. While I fully acknowledge that responding to animal neglect situations is challenging and expensive, forcing the rule-followers to foot the bill really feels wrong.

This would also be an additional burden on dog breeders who already pay their counties for multi-dog licenses and are already subject to annual inspections and record-keeping requirements. This is an additional burden and expense with no corresponding value back to the breeders who already follow the rules.

I volunteer in horse rescue and have been involved in large-scale law enforcement seizures, so I understand the challenges this bill is intended to tackle, but I do not believe the plain language as written will accomplish those goals. This would just be more regulatory burden on the "good" breeders without any benefit in return.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.