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Thank you for the opportunity to speak to the subject of a state licensing requirement for breeders.

First, it should be noted that the numbers of dogs in shelters are not resulting from responsible purebred dog breeders. As someone with over 30 years working in rescue and over five years in the purebred dog world I can state dogs in shelters are not the result of responsible breeding. They are predominantly mix breed dogs produced by irresponsible individuals who will not be impacted by any of these proposed changes. Responsible breeders already register on the city and county levels and pay fees per local laws and requirements.

Second, responsible breeders microchip and remain listed on the chip for the life of the dog. The only way a dog from a responsible breeder ends up in rescue is due to breach of contract or accident. Should this occur and the rescue contacts the breeder the breeder will then take responsibility for the dog. Furthermore, responsible breeders are involved in breed rescue and assist with placing any dog in need of their breed or often related breeds.

Third, the numbers of dogs I have seen quoted in testimony includes dogs imported from overseas, introducing previously unknown or controlled diseases to our pets in Oregon. It also includes dogs imported from other parts of the country because *there are not enough shelter or rescue animals available to meet demand.* I have experienced first hand these dogs causing frequent parvovirus and canine distemper outbreaks in areas.

In closing, it is incumbent upon the state to NOT place an undue tax/licensing burden on its residents who already pay licensing fees and are not responsible for excessive burdens on the shelter system.

Thank you for your time.