

To: House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources (maria.kelly@state.or.us) Re: Oregon House Bill 2783

Cascade Sled Dog Club (CSDC) is a not-for-profit organization that promotes the education, training, racing, showing, and humane care and treatment of northern breed dogs. CSDC promotes the sport of sled dog racing and the ethical treatment of dogs involved in the sport through races in the Pacific Northwest, school presentations, and demonstrations. Many of our members reside in Oregon.

CSDC supports the proposed amendment to House Bill 2783 that creates an exemption to the anti-tethering portion of the bill for dogs kept for dogsledding (HB 2783-3, dated March 22, 2013). CSDC and its members encourage the Committee to support and adopt the amendment exempting sled dogs from the bill.

Sincerely,

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