

March 18, 2019

Chairman Jeff Barker
House Committee on Business and Labor
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Re: HB 2804 Support

Dear Chairman Barker and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments in support of HB 2804, legislation that would stop the sale of puppies and kittens at pet stores.

This is an issue that is important to us, our family, and our friends. It is especially important to me as I have been a volunteer dog walker with the Marion County Dog Shelter for the last five years. My husband & I find it very frustrating that this issue is even being debated. Once informed that many of the cats & dogs come from mills, the vast majority of Oregonians are appalled and do not want to support this cruel practice.

In this case, the right decision is clear. Oregonians care about animals, all animals. When we talk to our family, friends, neighbors are coworkers, the reaction is the same....We expect our elected leaders to make the right decision by using their common sense so that we do not have to be involved in the discussions of such upsetting and inhumane topics. Many constituents are unable to attend a hearing, much less aware that these issues are even being debated. We truly believe that we speak for thousands of these absent Oregonians that allowing the sale of puppies and kittens from mills is wrong. The proposed legislation promotes animal welfare, adoption, and responsible breeding.

Please support HB 2084. It is the right thing to do for Oregonians as a whole, rather than the small segment of our population that is in support of continuing the horrifying & cruel conditions of kitten and puppy mills.

Thank you for your time & consideration,
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