Dogs are a integral part of our lives, with nearly 60 % of the Oregon population owning a pet, and nearly 40% of those pets are dogs. And more than just a pet, many people actively participate in athletic activities and dog training with their dogs. People who spend money on small business, buy gas at local gas stations and lunch at local restaurants. Dog training business draw folks from outside their immediate area to rural communities and those people spend money at local business.

I fully support making easing restrictions on local businesses that have dog training classes. Applying the same principles that govern equine facilities has worked for them, there is no reason to believe that it would cause any issues with canine training facilities.

Thank you for your time,

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