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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: HB2915

To the Chair and Members of the Committee,

As an Oregon resident, I strongly support House Bill 2915

I am in fact part of a large coalition of Oregonians – individuals like myself, pet store owners, animal rescue groups, shelters, responsible breeders, veterinarians, and more – who enthusiastically support HB 2915: A ban on the retail sale of dogs and cats by pet stores.

Similar to legislation that recently passed in Washington state, HB 2915 would grandfather in the six remaining small Oregon stores that still sell puppies and kittens. Oregon is the only market left open on the West coast to puppy-selling pet stores, now that our neighboring states have enacted pet store laws prohibiting the sale of puppies and kittens in pet stores. In fact, Puppyland, an infamous puppy-selling pet store chain based in Washington has already filed for a business license in Oregon. That's why passing HB 2915 is more important than ever: To help end the puppy mill-to-pet store pipeline and continue to drive the statewide pet industry toward more humane sources such as shelters, rescues, and responsible breeders.

More than 440 municipalities, including Bend and Beaverton, and six states – including California and Washington – have already enacted humane pet store laws similar to HB 2915. Without this legislation, Oregon will remain the sole open market on the west coast for the puppy mill industry and its pet store sales outlets.

As you know, Oregonians care deeply about animal welfare. I sincerely hope you will join us in supporting this important measure!

Respectfully yours,

Kim Norris