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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2557

Dear Members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water,

As a resident of Oregon, I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 2557, which aims to prohibit the raising of octopuses for human consumption in Oregon.

Octopuses are highly intelligent and sentient creatures. Confining them in farming environments will no doubt lead to significant animal welfare concerns, including stress and suffering. Additionally, intensive octopus farming poses environmental risks, such as increased waste and potential negative impacts on marine ecosystems, including too much demand placed on marine species processed into octopus food.

By passing HB 2557, Oregon can take a stand for animal welfare and environmental protection. I urge you to vote in favor of this important bill.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Amy Shade