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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.

To quote the late, great Dr. Oliver Sacks on the subject: "Cephalopods can learn by observation, as higher mammals do. They are richly endowed with nerve cells: an octopus has 300 million or more neurons, about half in its cerebral ganglia, and the rest distributed among its tentacles. I like cephalopods because they are so removed from us and yet, in some fundamental ways, so like us. They are my favorite aliens."

It would be wrong to confine these sensitive, highly intelligent creatures to satisfy human greed. The practice also poses environmental risks, such as increased waste and potential impacts on marine ecosystems.

Since California and Washington state have already banned octopus farming, you may be experiencing even more pressure from those who seek to profit from it. Please resist! Do the right thing and vote yes on HR 2557. Thank you.

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