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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 proud Oregonian, I am writing to convey my enthusiastic support for House Bill 2557, aimed at disallowing the farming of octopuses for human consumption within our state.

These intriguing animals possess remarkable intelligence, problem-solving capabilities, and keen adaptability. When octopuses are confined to aquaculture settings, the resulting stress and negative impacts on their welfare run counter to the values that Oregon residents hold dear.

From an environmental perspective, industrial octopus farming imposes hefty demands on marine resources and generates significant pollution, jeopardizing the delicate balance of our ocean ecosystems. By preventing this industry from taking root, Oregon can continue its legacy of environmental guardianship and prioritize the health of our coastal waters.

Passing HB 2557 will reinforce our commitment to both animal welfare and sustainable practices, underscoring our state's dedication to ethical and ecological integrity. I urge you to stand with Oregonians who believe in protecting these remarkable creatures and preserving the environment we share.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please support HB 2557.

Respectfully,
Angelo