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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2557

Testimony in Support of HB 2557

Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice Chair McDonald, and Members of the Committee

First, thank you and the sponsors of this bill for your service and for protecting our sentient wildlife.

I write in support of HB 2557, prohibiting anyone in Oregon raising an octopus for human consumption or participating in the sale or offer to sell an octopus raised for this purpose.

No Oregonian needs to eat an octopus. But every Oregonian suffers from the cruelty inherent in factory farming these intelligent beings.

Octopuses are unique, intelligent creatures known to use tools, complete tricky tasks, and recognize individuals of other species, including human faces. Octopus brains have about as many neurons as a dog.

Naturally solitary, octopuses are entirely unsuited to confinement and would suffer greatly in overcrowded factory farms.

I and the octopuses count on you, our elected Representatives. Please advance this important legislation.

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