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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2557

Letter in Support of HB 2557

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 2557, a legislative measure that seeks to prohibit the raising of octopus for human consumption and the sale or offer for sale of octopus that was raised for this purpose.

Octopuses are amazing and incredibly intelligent and sentient creatures, possessing advanced problem-solving skills and the capacity to experience a range of emotions. Studies have shown that they can navigate mazes, use tools, and exhibit behaviors that indicate a high level of cognitive function. Given their remarkable intelligence and sensitivity, it is crucial that we extend to them the consideration and protection they deserve.

Raising octopuses for human consumption involves subjecting them to conditions that are often cruel and inhumane. These practices not only cause immense suffering to the animals but also raise significant ethical concerns. Furthermore, I am very concerned that the commercial farming of octopuses poses significant environmental risks, contributing to the depletion of marine ecosystems and disrupting the natural balance of oceanic life.

Enacting HB 2557 would be a commendable step towards ensuring the ethical treatment of octopuses and promoting more sustainable practices within our food systems. By prohibiting the raising, sale, and offer for sale of octopuses for human consumption, we can take a meaningful stand against animal cruelty and environmental degradation.

I urge you to support HB 2557 and help protect these extraordinary creatures from unnecessary harm. Thank you for considering my perspective on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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