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Wildfire  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1076

To Whom It May Concern,

I am Brittany Hazel, the founder and president of Hazel's House Rescue. For over 7 years, I have worked tirelessly in the animal welfare field, partnering with numerous rescues and shelters. During this time, I have witnessed firsthand the neglect and suffering endured by homeless and owned pets here in Oregon.

I strongly support SB 1076, The Breeder License Bill, and I urge you to do the same. For many years, Oregon was a safe haven where animals from high-kill shelters could find their happily ever after. However, in recent years, our state has also grappled with the issue of overpopulation. In 2019, the licensing of Animal Rescue Entities (AREs) went into effect, aiming to regulate rescues and shelters. This requires us to meet certain standards and procedures, as well as pay a licensing fee. Meanwhile, breeders have remained unregulated.

This legislation would finally subject breeders to the same rigorous regulations that rescue organizations, shelters, and sanctuaries have operated under for years. Meanwhile, Oregon's current laws place an unfair and imbalanced burden on these diligent rescue groups, who work tirelessly to combat the overpopulation crisis, while breeders who perpetuate the problem continue to operate with impunity.

Please support this legislation to restore the balance between rescues and breeders.

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