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On Behalf Of: Reputable Dog Breeders  
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and  
Wildfire  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1076

Dear Committee,

We, of the reputable dog breeder community, have learned of Senate Bill 1076 and the hearing this week affecting all dog breeding in Oregon. This bill, if passed, aims to establish a licensing framework for all breeders and I wish to express my opposition.

Legislating behavior doesn't change or improve it. Where there's a will, there's a way and passing legislation does not drive out bad actors. It emboldens them at the peril and expense of reputable breeders like myself. We have managed to stop pet stores from selling puppies but instead, so-called "rescue" organizations have found a ready supply of backyard-bred dogs they can bring into the state for sale as rescue animals without regard to where the dogs have come from or knowledge about their health history. It is not reputable breeders causing that problem, yet we are blamed for it.

As a reputable breeder of AKC Registered Standard Poodles, I work hard to raise the kinds of dogs that families want in their homes. My breeding dogs are health-tested far above the recommended breed standard set by Poodle Club of America. I sell puppies on contracts with a health guarantee and assurance that I will take back any dog for any reason if their adoptive families are unable to keep them. My dogs compete in sports and conformation shows, proving themselves as quality animals able to perform jobs they were originally bred to do, including scent work and retrieving. I am in touch with my puppy families, I support my dogs for their lifetime, and I remain on the dogs' permanent registration as a co-owner so I can recover them in an emergency if ever needed. My dogs are outstanding breed ambassadors as well as being exceptional companions. I am preserving a legacy.

Reputable breeders self-regulate. We hold one another accountable. We emphasize education, health, and producing the best dogs possible. We collaborate. We learn from one another. We invest in our dog community. We are not the problem.

In opposition,  
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