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Wildfire
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Good afternoon. My name is Savannah Van Why, and I have several concerns with Senate Bill 1076. The bill would strongly impact preservation breeders who are breeding for love of a specific breed and not for money, especially those trying to keep rare breeds from going extinct. These breeders might produce one litter every five years but would likely be required to carry the same license as a breeder producing multiple litters each year.

In addition, the bill does not include any penalty for organizations that falsify records of an imported dog's origin by transporting a dog to an intermediary location. There have been cases of dogs being imported from areas deemed at a high risk for rabies and other diseases to ones with a lower risk then being imported immediately into the United States.

Finally, the declaration of a state of emergency in connection to this bill implies a connection between breeders and full shelters. Breeders will take back dogs if the owner cannot take care of the dog for any reason. Breed clubs have their own foster-care rescue organizations for cases where a dog of that breed ends up in a shelter or where a breeder cannot take back the dog.

Animal rescues that do not import dogs from other states and countries into Oregon and cite their sources and outcomes for animals provide evidence that no emergency exists. One such rescue in the Willamette Valley cites a majority of their intakes as lost pets that are reunited with their owners. The vast majority of animals who aren't reunited with their owners are feral cats that people have managed to catch and brought in for spaying or neutering and adoption. Their dog kennels are only ever full when a hoarding situation is discovered in the area; this has occurred twice in the past ten years.

Respectfully,
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