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Hello,

I am writing to urge you to support SB 1076 to hold Oregon breeders accountable to high animal care and welfare standards, disease prevention, and oversight. I am a volunteer at Multnomah County Animal Services and when we receive animals who have been seized from "backyard breeding" situations it is heartbreaking. The dogs are often not socialized, where they are scared of having normal sized kennel space, they aren't used to being indoors, they rarely know how to play, and can't do simple things like walk on leash. Additionally, their physical condition is poor, with ribs showing, hair is often patchy, and it's obvious they've had puppies recently and often.

At a time when shelters are incredibly full and have difficulty keeping up with spaying and neutering of pets, it's also easy for these irresponsible breeders to adopt a pet, saying that they will take care of spaying or neutering, and then actually use the dog for breeding purposes.

Please pass this measure so that animals have humane care and the pet population doesn't continue to grow irresponsibly, putting additional pressure on the community and capacity to care for existing animals placed into shelters throughout Oregon (or forced to be stray/homeless).