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

Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife
Oregon Senate

Re: Opposition to SB1076

Dear Chair Golden et al.,

This letter is in opposition to Senate Bill 1076.

This bill is unnecessary, counterproductive, and unjust. If passed, this Bill would be hugely burdensome and detrimental to responsible breeders, rescues, and sanctuaries—precisely the people we ought to be supporting and encouraging.

These are the people doing the important and challenging work of ensuring animals are well cared for, and that there are healthy and well bred animals available in the future. There are many parts of Oregon in which the only good option for homeless animals is private rescues.

This bill would have very little impact on the unscrupulous high-volume breeders who are already violating existing statutes with little concern.

Simply put, we have laws that work. This bill provides no benefit for any resident of this state: its only effect if passed would be to advance the personal agenda of people who erroneously believe that NO animal can or should be bred or kept in captivity. It would harm many Oregon citizens, their animals, and several industries. SB1076 was written without consulting any of the state's reputable breeders and rescues who broadly oppose this ill-conceived and misguided bill. If you believe there is a problem with the current animal laws in this state, let me suggest that you outline the precise problem, and consult those of us who genuinely understand the issues and devote our lives to solving them: we would be happy to help draft and support a bill that would genuinely improve our state's animal laws.

I urge you to vote "No" on SB1076.

Warmest regards,

Roland Sonnenburg