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

I ask that you consider the following in opposition to bill SB 1076. 1) There is no dog overpopulation being caused by local dogs in Oregon. Overpopulation of dog shelters is due to the importation of unregulated rescues and shelters. 2) The majority of animal welfare and public health issues in Oregon today are caused by animals being moved from an area of oversupply of dogs to Oregon, not because of breeders. It has been 8 years since an Oregon Dog Breeder was charged with an animal law violation. Regulations need to be made for Shelters and nonprofits that bring dogs into the state for resale. Breeders hold more than 550 events annually, bringing tourism and hobbyists together across the State. Members of Oregon AKC nonprofit kennel clubs contribute to the health of all dogs by rigorous health testing of their breeding stock and provide guarantees to the people who purchase their dogs. AKC nonprofit clubs include experts to promote canine care, training, temperament, canine health, and public education. Members of AKC nonprofit clubs promote responsible dog ownership, microchipping, socialization, training, vaccination, and health protocols via their veterinarians. Is this bill an attempt to make money, or is it for the concern of the animals? If it is of the concern of the animals, then you should be looking at the shelters and nonprofits that import dogs to sell, not Breeders who are merely hobby enthusiasts who contribute to the community economy through their events and work hard to ensure responsible breeding.