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Thank you for the opportunity to speak to the subject of a state licensing requirement for breeders.

First, it should be noted that the numbers of dogs in shelters are not resulting from responsible purebred dog breeders. As a breeder of 40+ years, my dogs are microchipped to me first and then the owner. If a dog I bred winds up in a shelter, by some strange accident, I am contacted and the dog is immediately removed. This is standard operating practice in our community. I also have a contract with every puppy buyer that the dog is to be returned to me, at any age, for any reason, if the owner is no longer able to care for the dog. This is also the norm.

Second, I am already licensed by Josephine County. I am inspected annually and pay a fee for that license, despite the fact I am largely retired at this time. This is also normal within our community of responsible breeders.

Third, the numbers of dogs I have seen quoted in testimony includes dogs imported from overseas, introducing previously unknown or controlled diseases to our pets in Oregon. It also includes dogs imported from other parts of the country because *there are not enough shelter or rescue animals available to meet demand.*

In closing, it is incumbent upon the state to NOT place an undue tax/licensing burden on its residents who already pay licensing fees and are not responsible for excessive burdens on the shelter system.

Thank you for your time.