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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. I have been in the Chinese Shar-Pei breed for nine years now and have only produced a single litter, while I regularly try to help ones that end up in shelters or are at risk of it. The Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, which I am a member of and a chairman for helps fund breed specific rescues. I would venture to say that within the USA our club is full of members who care about the welfare of and preservation of more than any other citizens.

All the puppies from my litter have my information on their microchip, my name as a co-owner on their registration, and a strict no rehoming policy that requires them to all come back to me if something were to happen. This is normal for ethical breeders, which are typically the ones you see at dog shows or sporting events.

I would assume the purpose of this is to limit the dogs coming into shelters. The people responsible for dogs in shelters are not ethical breeders and will not sign up for the licensing. They will continue to "backyard breed" dogs who are not always sound of mind or health and sell them to any person willing to give them money without a second thought as to the future of those puppies they have produced. Having a rebate available for citizens who take their pets to get fixed would be a better way to go about keeping the pet population down in shelters. As the secretary for the Umpqua Kennel Club in Douglas County, I would be happy to share more insight for any citizen who would like to learn more about the difference between ethical breeding and irresponsible breeding practices.

Please do NOT place an undue tax/licensing burden on residents who already pay for licensing fees, extensive health testing, top veterinarian care and are not responsible for excessive burdens on the shelter system.

Thank you for your time.