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Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St NE  
Salem, OR 97301  
Re: SB 1076 (ARE/Breeder License Bill)

Dear Honorable State Representatives and Senators,

Animal Aid Inc. is writing in full support of SB 1076. Animal Aid, a 501c3 nonprofit, was founded in 1969 and enhances the welfare of companion animals through individualized care and lifelong commitment, rescue and adoption, resources and education, and community partnerships.

As a reputable adoption agency, we welcomed the Oregon Department of Agriculture's creation of the Animal Rescue Program to ensure all rescues and shelters are conducted with the same set of standards, to provide transparency to the public, and most importantly, ensure the animals are being cared for properly. It is long overdue that this framework also applies to those who breed animals in the state of Oregon. The adoption of a breeder licensing and standards of care program will ensure that breeders are receiving the same oversight that animal rescues and shelters are. While Oregon did pass HB 2470 in 2009 to implement some provisions for dog breeders, it does not address breeders of other animals and with no entity providing oversight, it is null and void.

Currently rescues and shelters across Oregon are experiencing an overpopulation crisis. To exacerbate the problem, organizations who are intaking and ultimately, saving more animals' lives, are being charged a higher license fee. This is placing an additional undue burden on organizations who are working to serve their communities. By requiring breeders to adhere to the same licensing requirements, this will provide additional income to the state, to support the Department of Agriculture's program.

We ask that you vote 'yes' on SB 1076.

Sincerely,

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