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Dear Co-chairs Helm and Owens, Vice Chair McDonald, and Members of the Committee:

I hope you will join me in support of HB 4034. As a shelter veterinarian for almost 20 years, I fully support the ARE program. But it has had problems that all of us, including rescues large and small, have identified. HB 4034 helps to fix these issues, thus making the ARE program what all of us intended- and still want- it to be. This program is essential to ensure that animals in rescues and shelters all over the state are providing humane care and preventing infectious disease spread to Oregon's family pets. But the program needs changes to ensure it can keep going in a successful and sustainable way. Please help us save this program, so we can continue to do this meaningful work to save the stray, abandoned, and unwanted animals in Oregon who desperately need our help.

I hope you will vote to support HB 4034. Thank you!

Sincerely,
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