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Chairman Jeff Barker
House Committee on Business and Labor
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

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Re: HB 2804 Support

Dear Chairman Barker and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written statement in support of HB 2804, legislation that would stop the sale of puppies and kittens at pet stores.

I am writing as the Director of Operations at Greenhill Humane Society and First Avenue Shelter in Eugene, Oregon to express our support of House Bill 2804.

Passage of House Bill 2804 will:

- Promote animal welfare, adoption and responsible breeders by prohibiting pet stores from sourcing from puppy mills that have no regard for the health and well-being of their breeding dogs and offspring.
- Cut off the puppy mill to pet store supply chain, which will decrease the demand for puppies raised in conditions that Oregonians would find appalling and unacceptable.
- Encourage pet stores to partner with shelters and rescues to promote adoption.
- Support responsible AKC breeders who, like shelters and rescues, are committed to the lifetime of each animal they raise and care for.

Responsible animal shelters, rescues and breeders require that an animal be returned at any time during that animal's life should the individual or family no longer be able to provide care for that animal. We believe that it is unrealistic to expect a for profit retail establishment to dedicate the necessary time and training to professionally place an animal in a home and commit to supporting that animal for their lifetime. Large-scale animal shelters are designed to support the animal and human bond for the lifetime of each animal. We respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 2804.

For the animals,

Sasha Elliott
Director of Operations
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