## Dear Representative Rezabek,

My name is Rachel and I am a fourth grader at Woodlands Intermediate in Huron, Ohio. I would like to show my support for House Bill 539. I am writing as a proud friend and a hopeful Ohioan-hoping Ohio will claim the Labrador Retriever as its state dog, and be the first to do so.

The Labrador Retriever should be the state dog. It would make the best choice because The Lab is a hunting dog, a great water dog, an incredible family dog, and a popular breed in Ohio.

The Lab is a good hunting dog. Because of that, it already has an instinct to hunt small animals. With training, you can hunt rabbits, pheasants, and other birds with your Labrador Retriever. Because Ohio has a long tradition of hunting, it is a perfect fit. In addition, dog breeders often breed certain dogs for their perks, and hunting is one of the numerous ones Labs have. The Labrador Retriever is one of the best dogs out there.

Labs are great water dogs. There are many places in Ohio you can go to water hunt. They include lake Erie and The Ohio river. In addition, Labrador Retrievers have webbed toes to help them swim faster than other water dogs that don't have them. Even though other dogs have that ability, most of them can't stay in the water as long as Labrador Retrievers because they get chilled. Labs are great water hunting dogs.

The Labrador Retriever is a amazing family dog. On average, they are smart dogs, and people look for that when they want their dogs to be obedient. In addition, labs are some of the very few dog breeds trusted in households with small children, including babies. Even though there is a large range of dog sizes, from The French Bulldog to The Great Dane, The Lab is in the middle. That is where I believe one of the best breeds is—that being the awesome Labrador Retriever. Labs are perfect family dogs.

In conclusion, I would like to inform you that Labrador Retrievers are one of the most popular breeds in the United States. Please consider making the Labrador Retriever the state dog. Do it for Ohio. Thank you for taking the time to read about and consider this idea.

Sincerely,

Rachel

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