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Rep. Hall HB 502 Sponsor Testimony

Chair Baldrige, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 502, legislation to create the Progressive Animal Welfare Society (P.A.W.S) Adoption Center license plate.

P.A.W.S. Adoption Center, located in Monroe, Ohio in the 53rd House District, is a no-kill, non-profit animal shelter for dogs and cats. For over 35 years, P.A.W.S. has been caring for and finding loving homes for animals in need.

The dedicated P.A.W.S. staff, board and volunteers prioritize the safety and happiness of every animal. From the moment of intake, every animal becomes part of the P.A.W.S. family. Whether these animals are with them for 10 days or 10 years, the center ensures a safe, happy, nurturing and fulfilling environment until they find their forever homes.

All dogs and cats at the center are fully vetted prior to adoption, including microchipping and spay or neuter. Currently, however, P.A.W.S. Adoption Center receives no government funding and relies completely on fundraising, the generosity of donors, and the support of our community.

Under HB 502, all proceeds from the P.A.W.S. license plate, which consists of a \$25 contribution fee, will go to the P.A.W.S. Adoption Center to support their mission.

The bill has the full support of P.A.W.S. Adoption Center, and I sincerely hope all of you will consider joining them in supporting this piece of legislation.