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The Honorable Louis W. Blessing, III
Chairman, Ways and Means Committee
Ohio Senate
1 Capital Square
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Dear Chairman Blessing, Vice Chair Roegner, Ranking member DeMora and all members of the Senate Ways and Means committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding House Bill 148, which I strongly support. This bill will allow Ohioans to voluntarily donate a portion of their tax return to the Ohio Pet Fund spay-neuter program.

The Lake County Dog Shelter receives Ohio Pet Fund grants to assist in costs for spaying-neutering stray dogs in our facility prior to adoption. With the grant funding, we are able to reduce the amount of potentially unwanted litters and stray dogs in Lake County.

I strongly encourage your support for this crucial Bill which would allow for a voluntary tax "check off" on Ohioan's state income tax return. House Bill 148 would make an immense difference for those in the State of Ohio who want to help reduce unnecessary litters and stray dog overpopulation.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. I urge your support and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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