Chairman Blessing, Vice Chair Roegner, Ranking Member DeMora and members of the committee;

Thank you for the opportunity to write and speak in favor of House Bill 148.

As an open admission animal shelter serving our county for over 55 years, we see firsthand the animal overpopulation issues plaguing every community, here in Ohio.

House Bill 148 is a simple, cost effective way to support those nonprofits and county municipalities that are actively managing and addressing these issues.

Our organization was fortunate enough to receive an Ohio Pet Fund spay-neuter grant last year, and this was so helpful for our non-profit and underfunded organization to continue its central mission and goals.

Individuals are far more likely to seek out spayed & neutered animals to adopt when a vet history is included, and accomplishing this before they leave our care, ensures that we continue to “practice what we preach” and prevent unwanted litters and the unnecessary suffering of stray & needy animals.

I ask that you please support House Bill 148 with a yes vote, when seen in the Ways and Means committee. Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,
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