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

My name is Dave McIntyre and I'm the Chief Dog Warden for Portage County. I'm writing in favor of House Bill 148, allowing Ohioans to voluntarily donate part of their income tax refund toward spay and neuter. Ohio really needs more funding for spay and neuter to prevent the unwanted litters that add to our workload.

The Portage County Dog Warden's Office & Shelter has received Ohio Pet Fund spay-neuter grants, which have been very helpful in trying to get homeless pets adopted. People are more likely to adopt spayed or neutered animals, and this helps us keep our shelter numbers down, saving money.

Please join us in supporting House Bill 148. Thank you for your service to the people of Ohio.

Respectfully,

David McIntyre, Chief Dog Warden

Portage County Dog Warden's Office & Shelter.