February 6, 2026

Dear Chairman Blessing, Vice Chair Roegner, Ranking Member DeMora and committee members:

I am writing in support of House Bill 148, which would allow Ohioans to voluntarily donate a portion of their state income tax to spay neuter. Ohioans already have the opportunity to donate to another nonprofit. This is a common sense, no-cost way to address one of Ohio's largest animal issues.

Ohio is in a pet overpopulation crisis. Homeless dogs and cats are being euthanized every day due to lack of space. Spay and neuter funds make the pets more adoptable, and support the dog wardens and shelters via an impact on unwanted litters. A decreased workload for the dog shelters will save the state money and limit issues like dog bites, roaming animals and property damage.

Please vote for House Bill 148.

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