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

My name is Tami Schmidt, director of All Species Adoption Program, Carey, Ohio. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of House Bill 148.

Thousands of pets end up in shelters each year, many of which are euthanized due to lack of space. This epidemic is supported by owners who cannot afford the cost to spay and /or neuter their pets.

This year we were fortunate to receive this grant for ASAP. Because of this grant we were able to spay/neuter each animal that entered our program. This grant has saved lives.

We are asking the Ohio Legislature to pass a bill that will add a check-off box at the end of the Ohio Income Tax form to enable people to donate all or part of their income tax refund to a Companion Animal Fund to be distributed by the Ohio Pet Fund. Other states have been very successful offering this program.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tami Schmidt, Director
All Species Adoption Program

All Species Adoption Program (ASAP)
Carey, Ohio
419-458-0115
www.asaprescue.org
www.asap.petfinder.com
http://www.adoptapet.com/shelter82240-pets.html
https://www.facebook.com/pages/ASAP-All-Species-Adoption-Program/191554957576126?fref=ts