For the Love of Cats

ADVOCATES FOR TRAP, NEUTER, RETURN (TNR) AND COMMUNITY CATS

March 3, 2026

Dear Chairman Blessing, Vice Chair Roegner, Ranking Member DeMora and members of the committee; thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of House Bill 148.

Ohio has a feral/stray/homeless/abandoned “community” cat overpopulation problem and desperately needs more funding to support low-cost spay and neuter services. House Bill 148 is an easy, no cost way to assist nonprofits that are actively working to manage the problem.

For the Love of Cats’ mission is TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) and cat rescue. Our organization provides essential services to underserved communities. We have received an Ohio Pet Fund spay/neuter grant in the past, which was very helpful in allowing us to give rescued kittens and cats a second chance through our adoption program. People are more likely to adopt sterilized animals and doing that before they leave our care, ensures that they are healthy and more importantly, there are no unwanted litters.

Please support House Bill 148 with a YES vote in the Ways and Means committee.

Thank you,

Julie Martini, Founder/Director

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