cincinnati animal CARE
shelter & resource center

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Chairman Blessing, Vice Chair Roegner, Ranking Member DeMora and honorable Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill 148, which would allow Ohioans to donate a portion of their state income tax refund toward spay and neuter efforts in our communities. As the Executive Director of Cincinnati Animal CARE, one of the largest municipal shelters in Ohio, I oversee sheltering and dog warden services for Hamilton County and an annual intake of more than 9,000 animals.

The need for expanded spay/neuter resources in Ohio is significant. Even in Cincinnati, where we are fortunate to have two full-time spay/neuter clinics, appointments are booked several months in advance. Open-intake municipal shelters like ours are receiving thousands of animals each year who still need sterilization surgery. The ongoing burden placed on Ohio taxpayers to care for unplanned litters is considerable.

House Bill 148 offers a simple, no-cost way for residents to support the organizations working tirelessly to manage animal reproduction, and reduce both stray animals and shelter populations. Our organization has directly benefitted from an Ohio Pet Fund spay/neuter grant, which has helped reduce the number of unaltered animals in our community and, in turn, eased the strain on the sheltering system.

I respectfully urge your support of House Bill 148. Thank you for your consideration and for all that you do for the people and animals of Ohio.

Thank you,

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