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Dear Chairman Blessing, Vice Chair Roegner, Ranking Member DeMora and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

I am Cindie McCulloch, President of the Humane Society of Greene County, and along with our board members, thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of HB 148. We are a small, non-profit volunteer organization with the goal of helping control pet overpopulation in Greene County. To accomplish this, we offer two spay/neuter (S/N) programs. The first is for low-to-medium level income residents who, after a co-payment, receive a certificate redeemable at one of our participating veterinarian offices. Last year a total of 1,345 cats and dogs were S/N through both programs and a grand total of 10,271 cats have been S/N through our clinics since starting them in 2006.

Grants received from the Ohio Pet Fund have been a great help when working with our poorest residents. As an example, the $1,500 grant we received last year was used to assist 39 pet owners in getting their dog or cat S/N. These pet owners could not otherwise have been able to pay for these procedures, and there are many more on our waiting list. We operate on a shoe string budget, and since we receive no funding from the county, additional money collected from the proposed Companion Animal Fund would be of great value to our organization in our efforts to help control pet overpopulation in our county.

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Cindie McCulloch

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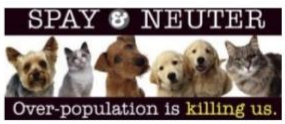
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