

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 2510

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

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Hearing Date: March 22, 2021 10:00 AM

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Charles Meyer

Palm Valley Animal Services, Edinburg, Texas 78539

McAllen, TX

Our shelter is underfunded by our local county and city governments. It is hard enough as it is to provide the services we do without taxation on our meager fees. If we handed the keys to our local politicians they would most likely try and euthanize their way out of the problem created by their lack of enforcement of laws.

Thank you.

Donna Casamento, Executive Director

Palm Valley Animal Society

Edinburg, TX

Palm Valley Animal Society is located in Edinburg, Texas in Hidalgo County. We are one of the largest animal shelters in the country and one of the most underfunded. We operate on roughly one-fifth of the budget that organizations of similar sizes operate. Resources are scarce here in the RGV and each dollar we have is critical to our success in supporting animals in need. Sales tax as it relates to adoption fees creates an increased financial shortfall for our organization and would challenge our ability to save as many lives as we can with our limited resources. We ask that you please pass this bill and allow organizations like Palm Valley Animal Society to be exempt from sales taxes on our adoption fees.

Keely Lewis, PVAS Board President

Palm Valley Animal Society

Edinburg, TX

I'm in support of this bill to help both animal shelters and animal rescues in the state of Texas. We need to get these animals into good homes ASAP with minimal barriers. Thank you!

Byron Lewis

Palm Valley Animal Society

Edinburg, TX

Please support this bill that not only saves animal's lives, but reduces expenses for publicly funded animal shelters. Thank you.  
BJL

Ronald Kilby

PVAS

McAllen, TX

I am opposed to collecting sales tax on animals coming out of rescue shelters.

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Macie Sharpe  
Austin Pets Alive!  
Austin, TX

I am writing my comments in support of HB2510. I work as a volunteer grant writer and dog walker for two local rescues. I see first hand the amount of work it takes just to keep an operation above water - and keeps animals from being killed simply due to reasons like lack of space in shelters. Reducing the tax burden on these organizations may be classified as negligible by the Comptroller, but it would make a huge difference in the operations of rescues just fighting to find money to save the next life.

Sara Stein  
Love-a-Bull, Inc  
Austin, TX

Love-A-Bull is a small, Austin-based pitbull type dog rescue group. We are run by five volunteers and are purely foster-based. We are completely nonprofit and rely on donations and grants to care for our dogs. By removing the sales taxes due, we could use these funds for life saving medical care.

Christopher Summers  
self  
Austin, TX

to me this seems to be a no brainer, as a 501.c.3 animal rescue groups should not have to pay sales tax....

Michelle Orcutt  
Self  
Corpus Christi, TX

Fully support the exemption from sales tax animal welfare organizations who rescue, care for, rehab and process for adoption animals within their care.