



PEOPLE FOR
THE ETHICAL
TREATMENT
OF ANIMALS

April 1, 2021

The Honorable Jeff Golden, Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire
Recovery
Oregon State Legislature

Dear Sen. Golden and Members of the Committee:

I'm writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our more than 80,000 members and supporters in Oregon to urge committee members to vote "yes" on SB 832. This lifesaving legislation would ban mink fur farming, preventing thousands of animals from being subjected to cruel, intensive confinement before being violently killed.

Minks can be infected by the novel coronavirus and pass it back to humans, including in a mutated form. Virologists and epidemiologists confirm that cramming sick and stressed animals together in unsanitary conditions—which are rife on mink farms—creates the perfect breeding grounds for dangerous zoonotic diseases, which can jump to humans. On fur farms, minks, foxes, and other animals are confined to small wire cages and packed together so tightly that blood, urine, and excrement can easily contaminate adjacent cages or, when there are tiers of cages, fall into those below. An airborne and contact disease, COVID-19 has spread like wildfire on mink fur factory farms all over the world—including in Denmark, Greece, the Netherlands, Spain, and here in the U.S. Denmark killed all 17 *million* minks on its fur farms after a mutant strain of the virus spread from minks to humans.

For decades, PETA and our international affiliates have exposed horrific cruelty on fur factory farms. Investigators have documented that animals are electrocuted, bludgeoned, gassed, and even skinned alive. Such cruelty is why—even before the pandemic—fur was a dying industry. Almost every major designer and retailer—including Macy's, Chanel, Prada, Gucci, Versace, Burberry, and Michael Kors—has stopped using it, and young people wouldn't be caught dead in it. In addition, various countries, including Austria, Germany, Norway, and the U.K., have banned fur farming.

For everyone's sake, please vote in favor of SB 832.

Sincerely,

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