

These are farmers with families with a long history in Oregon. It affects their livelihoods for years to come and to offer loans is insulting and extremely stressful. There is no scientific evidence to shut down local mink farms. Zoonotic disease transmission is not uncommon and the one farm with COVID is now clear of infection.

If you are for the environment then mink farming supports sustainability and everything is biodegradable including the use of manure as a fertilizer for other sectors of agriculture. It's a full cycle.

This is bullying fear tactics and I urge you today to oppose this unfair legislation, which ultimately eliminates the livelihoods of Oregon farmers and without any compensation for the families or farmworkers who will be out of work.

Please vote NO on SB 832. Thank you for considering my comments.