

As one of Senator Jeff Golden's constituents and an animal advocate, I am urging you to support Senate Bill 832. I am appalled at the factory farming of minks on the scale that exists in Oregon. The production of fur for shipment overseas is as gruesome as you can imagine. Add to that our knowledge about how keeping animals in these conditions creates an environment ripe for zoological mutations and the breeding ground for the next plague. I understand that the WHO has concluded that a bat was the initial transmission vehicle for Covid-19 and it was NOT created in a lab.

I have been proud of Oregon for taking a strong stand on Covid-19 precautions even in the face of mass opposition. Senate Bill 832 is another step in the right direction for keeping Oregonians and all humans safer while curtailing the egregious suffering and abuse that is necessary in the fur industry. I am still in shock that this type of industry is lawful anywhere in the US let alone in Oregon.

I am also always happy to provide any additional information by phone or email regarding the horrible conditions for the animals and the health concerns for us humans.

Thank you for your service, Senators.

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