

Passing this bill is urgent because the longer we allow mink farming, the longer we stay on the wrong side of history. Future generations will look back on us with shock and dismay that we ever kept wild animals in crowded, inhumane conditions for the purpose of making luxury products. There is debate about whether domestic animals should be kept and slaughtered for products such as food, but keeping and slaughtering animals for a status symbol is shameful. It disregards the experience of sentient animals, and it creates conditions for future pandemics, potentially worse than the one we are experiencing. How would we explain to future generations that we thought luxury accessories were worth inhumanity, and worth risking to the wellbeing of humanity? We can do better. Please vote yes and pass the bill to the Senate.