



March 20, 2023

House Committee on Judiciary
Oregon State Legislature
800 Court st. NE
Salem, Oregon 77301

RE. In Support of Oregon Fur Sales Ban HB 3390

To the Oregon House Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Chris DeRose, Founder and President of Last Chance for Animals (LCA). LCA is an international non-profit animal rights organization and has been fighting on behalf of animals since 1985. I am writing to you on behalf of LCA and its Oregon supporters. LCA fully supports the Oregon Fur Sales Ban HB 3390.

The inherent cruelty of the fur industry has been well-documented through undercover investigations by LCA and other animal advocacy organizations. Animals on fur farms spend their entire lives in tiny cages, subjected to horrendous cruelty and neglect - only to be killed for a piece of fashion. Most recently, in 2018, LCA released an undercover investigation into Millbank, a mink fur farm in Ontario, Canada – the practices documented were so cruel the farm pleaded guilty to failing to comply with prescribed standards of care and was forced to pay a large monetary penalty.

The United States Fur Industry focuses their opposition statements on the subject of U.S. fur farms, when the numbers show the large majority of fur farms operate in China and other countries. HB 3390 has the possibility to help save fur-bearing animals around the world from the cruel fur industry.

The environmental and public health risks the fur industry poses cannot be ignored either. Fur farming causes environmental damage in surrounding areas, including polluted lakes and watersheds. Fur farms pose a public health risk - the spread of COVID-19 on mink farms has been well documented in numerous countries, including the U.S.

LCA believes Oregon is a compassionate state that cares about the welfare of all animals and the public health of its citizens. By enacting a fur sales ban, Oregon

will join the growing list of cities, states and countries that have taken a stand against fur.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any information to assist with this matter.

For the animals,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris DeRose", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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