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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB3390

To the Chair and Members of the Committee,

As an Oregon resident, I strongly support House Bill 3390 prohibiting the sale of new fur products in our state. Factory fur farming is inherently cruel to animals and pollutes the environment with toxic chemicals. Every year, more than 100 million animals are raised and killed just to be turned into fur products like coats and hats. On fur factory farms, undomesticated animals spend their entire lives in cramped cages and are deprived of their natural behaviors, only to be crudely gassed or electrocuted at the end. They suffer serious welfare problems, such as self-mutilation, infected wounds, and illness. Because the U.S. has no federal laws requiring regular inspections of fur factory farms, animals routinely suffer in darkness. Oregonians, myself included, care deeply about the welfare of animals. HB 3390 creates a commonsense policy that helps Oregon continue to lead the nation on animal welfare and environmental protection.

Respectfully,
Megan Mersino