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On Behalf Of:
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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. I'm one of the thousands of Oregonians who cares deeply about animal welfare. HB 3390 creates commonsense policy that helps Oregon continue to lead the nation on animal welfare and environmental protection; we rank very high on the nation's list of states with strong animal protection laws. Let's keep it that way!

Factory fur farming is inherently cruel to animals and pollutes the environment with toxic chemicals. It furthers as well the probability that diseases such as Covid-19 may be enhanced or spread through the inhumane and unsanitary living conditions these animals are kept in. 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 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. That's not right, that's not humane, and it's not necessary.

Respectfully
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