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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.

As you know, Oregonians care deeply about animal welfare and the associated issues.

Factory fur farming is a gruesome business. And there are no federal laws in the U.S. requiring regular inspections of factory fur farms. The animals routinely suffer in darkness – the conditions are inherently cruel.

On fur factory farms, 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. Every year, millions of animals are raised and killed in these ways just to be made into coats and hats.

HB 3390 creates commonsense policy that helps Oregon continue to lead the nation on animal welfare and environmental protection. And its ban on new fur products will not harm retailers as few stores still sell fur in the state.

I hope you will take all these points into consideration and show your support of HB 3390 as well.

Respectfully
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