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On Behalf Of:
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Please include an exemption for fly tying distributors such as Hareline Dubbing based in Monroe and other fly tying material distributors. As well, please also include an exemption for fly fishing shops who sell flies and fly fishing materials. There are a number of these in the state of Oregon that sell flies made of fur, feathers and synthetic materials. People from all over the world order from the fly shops by mail order and these fly shops buy from distributors like Hareline & Cascade Crest. Although I live in Canada, I buy many products made by Hareline which are sold here in Canada. I have also purchased from several fly shops in your state. These shops and distributors also employ a number of people in Oregon and also help to drive tourism business to your state.

I understand the concern over fur products, but although I am sure that the legislation is well intended, the businesses affected here are not ones that would engage in any sort of illegal trade in animal products. I know, for example, that businesses like Hareline Dubbing complete all necessary Fish & Wildlife permits before sending out foreign orders. As this bill would seriously affect the health and well-being of a large number of Oregon businesses as well as fishing lodges, fishing guides, and other businesses such as hotels, restaurants and others that depend on the tourism trade as well as mail order businesses, I would urge you to exempt these businesses from these regulations.