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In favor of House Bill No. 7886

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**House Health & Human Services Committee Members
RI State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903**

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of the members and board members of Defenders of Animals, Inc., I am respectfully requesting that you vote in favor of House Bill No. 7886 by Lima, Cardillo, Costantino, Phillips, O'Brien, Solomon, Baginski, J. Brien, Fenton-Fung, and Hull. The bill would ban the sale of cosmetics developed/manufactured using animal testing.

There are humane reasons why Eight states ban the sale of animal-tested cosmetics, including New Jersey, California, Nevada, Illinois, Virginia, Maryland, Maine, and Hawaii, and there are humane reasons why 41 countries also passed bans on animal cosmetics testing.

Do cosmetic companies have to test on animals regarding cosmetics?

The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act does not specifically require the use of animals in testing cosmetics for safety, nor does it subject cosmetics to FDA premarket approval.

China is the only country that requires cosmetics to be tested on animals.

Rhode Island should not be part of the cruelty that goes on regarding cosmetic testing on animals.

RI needs to join New Jersey, California, Nevada, Illinois, Virginia, Maryland, Maine, and Hawaii and ban the sale of cosmetics developed/manufactured using animal testing by voting in favor H-7886.

Very truly yours,

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