House Judiciary Committee 82 Smith Street Providence, RI 02903

March 19, 2024

Re: Testimony in **Opposition** to House bill No. 7454 – TRADE IN ANIMAL FUR PRODUCTS ACT

Dear Chair Craven and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I am Ben Griffin of Mode World Inc .speaking on behalf of my business and all retail fur stores in America.

I vehemently oppose H 7454 — An act obliterating the sale of legal fur products with civil penalties for violations of such transactions; namely another attempt to ban the sale of natural, everlasting fur fashions.

I oppose H 7454 because...

- The Animal Liberationist do not care about the welfare of animals or the environment
- This bill is a stepping stone to more limitations of freedom of choice with animals
- The fur industry fully supports environmental responsibility and the humane treatment of animals.

I urge you to vote against H 7454 and continue to allow legal fur fashions and products to be sold in the state of Rhode Island.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to speak against 7454. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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