

House Judiciary Committee
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

March 20, 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 Jennifer Fleming of DouglasMontaldos Furs 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...

- Is hypocritical to even campaign against the fur trade as most Americans still continue to eat meat
- Fur is a long lasting, all natural material; recyclable and biodegradable
- Fur trade maintains a range of skills and knowledge as part of heritage for a lot of communities
- Wildlife populations should be culled to protect our properties as well as the health of humans and animal habitats
- Most importantly: Fur is a sustainable natural resource

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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