

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 Luis López of Douglas 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...

- Fur has been of great influence in fashion. Since the earliest years. I've always wanted to work in fashion and now that I have this opportunity I'm really thankful.
- Faux fur is even worse to the environment due to all the microplastics than real fur, which it will last decades.
- Fur is a great business providing jobs for countless people, great influence in fashion, a must have piece in certain climates.
- Fur can be tracked back to centuries. It was first used as a need and then elevated to fashion luxury for everlasting garments. Its history shouldn't be shut down!

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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