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Dear Chair Craven, First Vice Chair McEntee, Second Vice Chair Knight, and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

As a follow-up to the 3/4/25 hearing on H 5447 – the Farmed Fur Animal Sales Ban bill, I have written at this time to provide a refute of a portion of the testimony provided by Michael Brown of the Natural Fibers Alliance regarding his statement/claim that “it is important to recognize that **the fur industry is one of the most highly regulated sectors, both in the U.S. and globally.**”

Attached is my facts-supported-rebuttal of this claim.

In addition to this, yesterday I had a multiple email exchange with the President of the Fur Commission USA, the agency which Michael referred to. While the Fur Commission USA does have a certification program, the President of the Fur Commission USA made the same claim as Michael, that the fur farming industry is regulated at the federal, state, and local level. However, when I asked him to provide even one documented regulation of this industry, he failed to do so.

The reason for this is that there is no federal regulation of the industry and likely, no state regulation of the industry.

In summary, the findings from my extensive review of regulations for this industry (attached) are as follows:

- 1. There are no Federal regulations in the United States for fur farming and, in a practical sense, for those states in which there is licensing of fur farms, which are few in number, the impact is essentially meaningless.**
2. There are regulations for fur farming in Europe, however, they vary from one member state/country to the next and the majority have banned fur farming, and several others amongst those which have fur farms are planning to do so.
- 3. WelFur is a non-profit organization in Europe which has guidelines for fur farming and protocols for inspections for fur farms by third parties with the purpose of certification of fur farms which adhere to their guidelines and protocols as well as to encourage the farmer to take the most appropriate steps to improve animal welfare for those that do not. However, this is an industry voluntary program, and it has been found that this program does not offer satisfactory solutions to the serious animal welfare problems associated with fur farming.**
4. China - We already know that the conditions and practices on fur farms there are horrifically inhumane.

Once again, I urge you to vote in favor of H 5447 – for the banning of the sale of farmed animal fur products.

Sincerely,

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