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House Judiciary Committee
82 Smith Street
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March 4, 2025

Re: Testimony in **Opposition** to House bill No. 5447– TRADE IN ANIMAL FUR PRODUCTS ACT

Dear Chair Craven and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I am Joel Kaye of Morris Kaye & Sons Furs speaking on behalf of my business and all retail fur stores in America.

I vehemently oppose H 5447 – 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 5447 because...

We are a family of generational Furriers and employ 15 people in our business. With this act of prohibiting the legal sales fur not only will you be hurting our family but the 14 other families which we employ.

We ask that you consider this as you move forward!!

I urge you to vote against H 5447 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 5447. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
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