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**To:** House Judiciary Committee

**Subject:** Please support S.25/H.5447 to end the sale of new famred fur products

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Dear Legislator,

As a constituent, I am writing to urge you to support S.25/H.5447, commonsense legislation to prohibit the sale of new fur products from fur factory farms in Rhode Island. Each year, millions of animals endure extreme confinement, disease, and cruel deaths—such as electrocution and gassing—simply for fashion. These inhumane practices have no place in our state, especially when humane and sustainable alternatives are widely available.

Beyond animal cruelty, the fur industry poses significant environmental risks, with toxic chemicals used in processing and waste runoff polluting our waterways. By passing this legislation, Rhode Island can take a stand against both animal suffering and environmental harm, ensuring we are not complicit in this outdated and unnecessary industry.

I respectfully urge you to support S.25/H.5447 and help make Rhode Island a leader in protecting both animals and our environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

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