

Testimony in support of H5447 sub A: Trade in Farm Animal Fur Products

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To Chair Craven and the honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

Please support this animal cruelty bill. Fur farms are notorious for inhumane treatment of animals which suffer for their lifetimes, solely for the purpose of using their bodies to wear or use items we do not need and often for enhancing vanity. Since this is not a large enterprise in Rhode Island, can we not stand on the side of humane treatment of defenseless creatures? The House has not been proactive in addressing animal cruelty issues. This bill has been submitted for several years... Is it not time to take action against some forms of animal cruelty? This bill does not even ban fur farms in the state, but does try to do the right thing for tormented animals as a basic first step towards alleviating their suffering by reducing the ways their body parts can be sold in Rhode Island. Please address the critical need of responding to animal welfare issues in Rhode Island by finally passing this bill out of committee. Thanks you.