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Thank you so much Rhode Island House Judiciary Committee for passage of H5447 - Trade in Farmed Animal Fur Products.

This means that if you have a fur farm in our State you will not be able to legally sell your ill-gotten gains here.

Thank you to the sponsors of this humane legislation and for your steadfastness in obtaining the Judiciary Committee's support.

We will be hoping for the approval and passage of the Rhode Island House of Representatives.

Very respectfully yours,  
Joanne J. Rongo writing for the VSA Board of Directors and Volunteers

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On Monday, April 28, 2025 at 07:06:30 PM EDT, Volunteer Services for Animals <vsaheadquarters@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Chairman Craven & Honorable Members of the Rhode Island House Judiciary Committee:

Volunteer Services for Animals (VSA) writes again regarding H5447 in order to give support for the substitute Farmed Animal Fur Products Act.

As a humane organization we must do everything possible to prevent the raising and slaughtering of animals for their hides.

Animals bred and raised for this purpose live, suffer, and die from physical and emotional pain for their entire lives before being killed.

This is a shameful way to earn a living or have as a pastime.

Thank you for permitting VSA to submit this testimony via email.

We are grateful to the sponsors of this legislation.

We hope that the House Judiciary Committee passes H5447 so that the entire House has an opportunity to weight in on this humane legislation.

Very respectfully yours,  
Joanne J. Rongo VSA Board Chair

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Spay/neuter is the humane response to overpopulation.  
Factory farmed animals are among the most abused animals on Earth.  
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