

Dear Madam,  
Dear Sir,

I urge you to oppose this unfair legislation which ultimately eliminates the livelihoods of hard working Oregon farmers without any compensation for the families and their farmworkers.

I cannot believe that legislators would ever consider a bill that directs the government to take private property and offer no compensation to the farm families.

To start with the premise of this bill is false as mink farms are part of a larger cycle of sustainability.

Mink consume food waste that would otherwise go to dump. Their manure is used as a fertilizer for other sectors of agriculture. It is a full cycle.

Furs produced in such a way are natural, sustainable materials. They are worked by craftspersons into unique garments according to consumer wishes and are inherited from generation to generation.

If they cannot be re-cycled or up-cycled they degrade in a biological way.

They are the exact opposite of petroleum-based fast fashion which is worn today and thrown away tomorrow and leaves us with a great number of environmental issues (plastic pollution).

In addition there is no scientific reason to shut down fur farms.

You must not give in to animal rightists and other pressure groups who wish to ban all use of animal products from fur, leather, silk, honey, meat, etc.

Please vote NO on SB 832.

Thank you for considering my comments.

With kind regards,

Barbara Sixt