

I support a phase-out of these facilities because:

- 1•Mink farming forces animals that are genetically suited to live a free-roaming life in the wild to live instead in small metal cages and be slaughtered after living only a fraction of their normal lives.
- 2•Large populations of highly confined mink have been found particularly susceptible to zoonotic diseases such as Covid-19, which they may then spread to people and other animals.
- 3•Confined animal feeding operations for mink are resource intensive and have other detrimental environmental impacts –more so than textiles made to serve the same function.
- 4•Fur from the mink on Oregon fur farms goes into unnecessary, luxury goods. Simply put, the ends do not justify the means.