

I strongly oppose SB832. Across the United States, mink farmers have not only invested time, but substantial amounts of money to ensure that the workers and mink are safe and that CDC protocols are being followed. Mink farms do not pose a threat to our citizens and/or other animals and should not be treated differently than any other livestock/farm in the USA. I fully support precautions being taken on all farms and places of business, but it is un-American to single out a sole type of farm. As a taxpayer and citizen of this great country, I expect to have the same rights/freedoms as my fellow Americans. One of those rights is to be able own/run a legal business such as mink farming. I do not recall chicken farms being banned when the bird flu was a concern; so I must assume that there is an underlying purpose for SB832 and that certain farms/farmers are being discriminated against. It is very sad that the people who support the anti-fur movement are hiding behind COVID-19 and are using it as a means to push their agenda forward. If dogs were highly susceptible to COVID, would you hold hearings to make owning dogs illegal and euthanize all dogs? I think not. So why are mink any different? Please follow the science...there has not been large outbreaks of COVID on mink farms in the USA. Please help to keep the American dream of owning, working and providing a decent living for families a reality...SAY NO TO SB832. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.