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ATTN: In support of HB 3213 - relating to testing cosmetics on animals

Dear Chair Holvey, Vice Chairs Elmer and Sosa, and distinguished members of the House Committee on Business and Labor,

On behalf of the Oregon-based supporters of the National Anti-Vivisection Society (NAVS), I am writing to ask for your support of **HB 3213 - relating to testing cosmetics on animals**. I understand that this bill has been assigned to the House Committee on Business and Labor, and I urge you to bring the bill up for consideration and pass through committee favorably.

NAVS is a non-profit charitable organization founded in 1929 to work towards ending the suffering of animals in research, scientific testing, and education. The field of cosmetics testing is one area where our humane science message is met with support from a plethora of groups, including consumers, corporate interests, animal advocates and pro-science advocates. This legislation finds support across party lines and among Americans of all ages for the following reasons:

**Cosmetic testing on animals is cruel and unreliable.**

During traditional cosmetics testing, animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs, mice and rats routinely have irritating, painful chemicals forced down their throat, dripped in their eyes, and smeared on their skin for the sake of "safety testing." While objectively cruel, these test methods have also proven to be unreliable. Different species respond in vastly different ways when exposed to the same chemicals, resulting in animal tests that often misjudge the hazards to people. In addition, the results of animal tests can be quite variable and difficult to interpret and translate to human health. At the end of the day, animal test subjects are not miniature humans, which is why toxicologists have developed better test methods using human cell-based technology.

**Non-animal alternatives serve as better safety predictors for humans.**

NAVS supports and invests in the development, validation, and implementation of human-based testing methods. These alternatives can combine human cell-based tests with sophisticated computer models to develop human-relevant results. These methods are often less costly than animal testing and provide more accurate safety information in less time than traditional animal tests. The benefits of non-animal alternatives have been known to cosmetics manufacturers for years, which is why more than 1,000 cosmetics brands in North America have committed to using no new animal testing for either their products or their ingredients.

**Animal testing is not necessary to sell cosmetics.**

Due to a growing understanding of what animals go through for cosmetics testing, consumers and companies alike are taking conscious steps away from cosmetic animal testing. Companies that have made this commitment to no more animal testing include powerhouses such as Aveda, LUSH, Bath & Body Works, Toms of Maine, Alba Botanica, The Body Shop and small mom-and-pop companies that have found success without testing their products or ingredients on animals.

It is also important to note that there is no federal mandate requiring the use of animal tests for cosmetics. Companies can create safe products using thousands of ingredients that have a history of safe use and require no new testing at all, on animals or otherwise. If there is interest in new ingredients for products there are many non-animal test methods that have been approved for use, and more are being developed all the time.

**Cruelty-free cosmetics are the way of the future.**

More than 40 countries around the globe have passed laws to end or limit the use of animal testing in cosmetics development. In 2018 California became the first state to ban the sale of cosmetics that have been newly tested on animals. Today, ten states have passed laws ending the sale of cosmetics that have been tested using animal test subjects.

On behalf of the millions of caring consumers in this country, the visionary scientists who have labored to develop innovative testing methods, and the millions of animals who will be spared needless suffering for vanity's sake, we respectfully ask for your **support of HB 3213**.

Thank you for all you do to advance greater protection for animals through the legislative process. Please reach out if you have any questions regarding this legislation or would like more information regarding non-animal testing methods and the work we do at NAVS.

Sincerely,



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