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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: HB3390

Oppose HB 3390

- Banning the retail sale of fur in Oregon potentially violates the dormant commerce clause, that says the US Constitution limits the power of states to regulate commerce outside their borders without congressional authorization
- Small businesses who sell fur, fur trim or other animal-based products in Oregon have been under constant attack and harassment by activists. The bullying and targeting must stop
- The Oregon legislature must develop proposals that both protect and promote natural fiber
- Organizations like PETA and HSUS continue to use deceitful "Shock Advocacy" tactics to bully small business owners. Claims made by both organizations against the fur industry have repeatedly been proven false.
- This attack on the retail sale of fur is a part of a broader agenda. Speaking to an animal rights conference, HSUS's then-vice president for farm animal issues stated that HSUS's goal is to "get rid of the entire [animal agriculture] industry" and that "we don't want any of these animals to be raised and killed."
- Consumer choice is one of the key tenets of capitalism not over/unnecessary regulation
- The Oregon legislature must PROTECT THE RIGHTS of all consumers to wear and do what they want!
- Natural certified fur is more sustainable than fake fur. Fake fur is not renewable, sustainable, or biodegradable.
- Natural certified fur can last generations when cared for properly.
- Natural certified fur is produced ethically and responsibly throughout the entire production process.
- The amount of energy and fossil fuel required for natural fur fabrication is relatively low when compared to large, automated synthetic fur factories.

- The fur trade supports land-based cultures and local indigenous populations contributing to environmental conservation.
- Natural certified fur is held to ethical global standards like Furmark that ensures the highest animal welfare and sustainability standards.

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