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While the intentions of this bill are good, I believe the scope needs to be refined. I'm an avid fly tyer of fishing flies, a meditative practice that has enriched my life in indescribable ways. I rely on small quantities of ethically sourced fur and feathers to carry on the tradition of environmentally conscious outdoor sportsmanship in Oregon. I believe we have a moral imperative to source these materials from places upholding the highest respect and ethical standards towards these animals. Much of the fur products I use are the by-product of legal hunting (i.e elk fur, which is a common material used in many traditional fly patterns). It also includes materials farmed for this purpose under conditions more humane than those found in the legal production of meat and leather, neither of which is included in this proposed ban. I urge you to reconsider the scope of this bill. Unfortunately, the result of this will be the increase usage in synthetic fly tying materials, which will result in more micro plastics being deposited into our beautiful river systems.

Thank you.