

Coalition Statement Of Support for Oregon's Fur Sale Ban

We, the undersigned group of not-for-profit charities with significant membership in Oregon, respectfully urge support for the State's proposed fur sale ban. This legislation would prohibit the sale of fur apparel in Oregon.

Worldwide, over 100 million animals are abused and killed for their fur every year. Whether raised on factory farms or trapped from the wild, fur-bearing animals, including foxes, coyotes, wolves, bobcats, beavers, otters, dogs, cats, and raccoon dogs, have unimaginable cruelty inflicted upon them by the fur industry.

As consumers become more aware of how animals are violently abused and killed for their fur, they seek to buy clothing, shoes, and accessories that are as ethically produced as they are functional and stylish. That is why designers, fashion houses, and cities worldwide are joining together in banning the sale of fur and shutting down fur farms. Chanel, Jean Paul Gaultier, Coach, Burberry, Gucci, Michael Kors, and more, have banned fur.

COVID-19 has spread rapidly through fur farms in Denmark and other countries and has been discovered on fur farms in several states in the United States. It was first detected in Utah then Michigan and Wisconsin, resulting in 10,000 mink deaths by October. In November, another outbreak in Wisconsin resulted in 5,400 mink dying. Reports from infected mink fur farms suggest there is the possibility for spread of COVID-19 from mink to humans that could result in more loss of human life from the virus.

We strongly support Oregon joining the dozens of designers, fashion houses, and the state of California, and the city of Wellesley, MA in prohibiting the sale of fur apparel.

Sincerely,

Compassionate PDX	Humane Society of the United States	Animal Defenders International	In Defense of Animals
Humane Voters Oregon	Factory Farming Awareness Coalition	People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals	Direct Action Everywhere
Animal Wellness Action	Center for a Humane Economy	Voters for Animal Rights	
Wildwood Farm Sanctuary	Out to Pasture Animal Sanctuary		