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The Honorable Paul Koretz, Chair
Members of the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee

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Re Motion to Ban the Sale and Manufacture of Fur Products in Los Angeles

Dear Council Member Koretz and Members of the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee,

I'm writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our more than 6.5 million members and supporters, including nearly 40,000 in Los Angeles, in support of the proposed ban on the sale of fur in the city.

A ban on fur sales would help prevent extreme cruelty to animals. For decades, PETA and our international affiliates have exposed horrific cruelty on fur farms in the U.S. and around the world. Eyewitnesses have documented that workers gas minks en masse, electrocute chinchillas and foxes, shock rabbits with electrical devices as they scream in pain, and use wire nooses to strangle dogs and cats, whose fur is produced in China and intentionally mislabeled in order to be sold around the world. Many of these animals go insane from the extreme isolation and deprivation of being constantly locked inside a cage, causing them to mutilate themselves or pace and circle frantically.

Animals trapped in the wild can languish for days after a trap cuts into their bones. Mother animals are sometimes so frantic to get back to their babies that they chew off their own legs in desperation. Those who can't get free are shot, stomped, or bludgeoned to death when the trapper returns.

The momentum against fur is growing around the world. Earlier this year, Norway became the latest country to introduce a total ban on fur farming, joining Croatia, Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom, and other countries that have taken steps to shut down fur farms. Hundreds of major designers and retailers—including luxury brands such as Gucci, Versace, Michael Kors, and Giorgio Armani—have stopped using fur, opting instead for innovative faux-fur materials that spare animals a lifetime of misery and a painful, violent death. San Francisco, Berkeley, and West Hollywood have already passed bans on new fur sales, but Los Angeles would be the largest and most notable city yet to do so.

L.A. has always been a forward-thinking, trendsetting city, and this ban on fur sales in favor of innovative materials not derived from animals would be another opportunity to set a compassionate example for the rest of the country to follow. We urge L.A. to be a leader—as it has been many times in the past—by banning the sale of fur.

Sincerely,

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