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Please uphold the strong fur farming ban in Croatia

I am writing on behalf of the animal welfare organisation Djurens Rätt (Animal Rights Sweden), representing 40 000 members in Sweden – a country where no chinchilla farming takes place anymore. We were very happy when Croatia introduced the ban on fur farming in 2007, and have since then praised Croatia for being on the front line for the welfare of furbearing animals. Therefore, we were very disappointed to learn that the ban is now threatened in that excluding chinchillas from the existing ban is suggested.

Today we witness more and more countries introducing fur farming bans so for Croatia to go in the opposite direction would send a very disappointing message.

Fur farmers in Croatia have had more than enough time to switch to another type of business, as in other European countries that introduced the similar bans. We feel strongly that the Animal Protection Act should not be changed in order to support the minority of farmers who didn't respect the ban.

Please uphold the strong fur farming ban in Croatia and join the many European countries that do not support fur farming like UK and Northern Ireland, the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia and others.

There are many cases and recent reports which clearly show that it is impossible to achieve an acceptable level of animal welfare for animals bred in cages, as for fur.

Due to the reasons stated above, we urge you to uphold the fur farming ban and protect the Animal Protection Act from downgrading.



Sincerely yours,
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