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February 24, 2022

Honourable **Jean-Yves Duclos**
Minister of Health

Re: Health Canada's Draft Animal Testing Ban Proposal

Dear Minister Duclos,

Further to our letter of November 24th in which we requested Health Canada to move forward with addressing the issue of animal testing and cosmetics, we are writing to you today to convey our support of Health Canada's Draft Proposal for a Cosmetics Animal Testing Ban in Canada.

Members of our allied stakeholder group had the opportunity to meet with officials from the Healthy Environments & Consumer Safety Branch earlier this month and we very much appreciated this opportunity to provide our input. We are pleased to advise that we are supportive of the proposal to advance a banning of cosmetics animal testing. As outlined in our November 24th letter, basing a testing and sales ban on the European Union model and ensuring it fits within the context of the Canadian regulatory framework will make it workable in Canada.

Our stakeholder group remains fully committed to this important initiative and are also preparing to publicly support and advocate for the required legislative amendments once they are introduced into Parliament. It is our intention to ensure that Members of Parliament from all political parties, as well as Senators, are aware of our efforts and support for this initiative.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation for the efforts of all Health Canada staff in working to advance a cosmetics animal testing ban in Canada. Their efforts and your government's support are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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