











May 19, 2022

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

Re: Meeting Request: Health Canada's Draft Animal Testing Ban Proposal

Dear Minister Duclos,

Further to our letter of February 24 in which we <u>conveyed our support of Health Canada's Draft Proposal for a Cosmetics Animal Testing Ban</u> in Canada, we would like to request a meeting with you, or your advisors, to discuss next steps towards the introduction of government legislation.

Members of our allied stakeholder group have met with officials from the Healthy Environments & Consumer Safety Branch on several occasions and we were pleased to advise that we are supportive of the proposal as outlined to us. With this critical work completed, we are hoping to garner updates and offer your office our support for moving forward with this legislation.

Our stakeholder group remains fully committed to this important initiative and are prepared to <u>publicly support and advocate for the required legislative amendments</u> 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 again 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.

We look forward to your response and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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