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**The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology**

**Re: Stakeholders Support Cosmetics Animal Testing Ban in Bill C-47**

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

We wish to **convey our full support for a ban on cosmetics animal testing as proposed in Bill C-47 – An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 28, 2023.**

**Who We Represent – A Broad Consensus of Industry, Animal Advocates, & Retailers**

The collective of our organizations represents a broad range of stakeholders including the cosmetics industry (150+ companies represented by Cosmetics Alliance Canada), animal protection advocates (Animal Alliance Canada, Cruelty Free International, and Humane Society International/Canada), and their retailer partners (Lush, The Body Shop).

Since this issue was first raised in Parliament through a Private Member's Bill in the Senate in 2015, our group of key stakeholder organizations have been working together, and with Health Canada, to advance workable legislation.

**The legislative language in Bill C-47 pertaining to a ban on cosmetics animal testing is consistent with the policy approach that our group has long been advocating for in discussions with Health Canada;** that a Canadian ban align with the principles of the E.U. ban and the necessary amendments be drafted by Health Canada to ensure they work within the Canadian regulatory context.

We are thrilled to see this legislation finally introduced and **look forward to seeing its passage without issue into law.**

Of note, Canada will be hosting the 2023 Animal Alternatives World Congress on August 23 – 27, 2023, in Niagara Falls, Ontario (through Canada's Centre for Alternatives to Animal Methods at the University of Windsor). Government, industry, and other stakeholders will be participating in this important international event. This will be an ideal opportunity to highlight Canada as a leader in the development of animal testing alternatives and the banning of unnecessary animal testing on cosmetic products.

Sincerely,

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