PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

We, the undersigned, citizens of Canada draw the attention of the Government of Canada to the following:

THAT every year, hundreds of thousands of dogs and cats are brutally slaughtered for their fur in a number of Asian regions. This million-dollar fur industry is not governed by animal cruelty legislation of any kind. The animals live in deplorable conditions—they are kept cold for thicker coats, kept weak for slaughter and are crowded into small crates and bags for transport. At the end of their lives, they are inhumanely slaughtered for their pelts.

Companion animal fur is used for a variety of items including the lining for gloves and boots, trim on garments, hats, blankets and even toys or figurines.

Products that use cat and dog fur are banned in countries all over the world. It has been ten years since the United States passed the Dog and Cat Protection Act of 2000, which blocks all imported products made with cat or dog fur from entering the country. Recently, the European Union implemented a similar act, effective January 1, 2009.

In Canada, products that include cat and dog fur remain legal and can be imported, exported and sold in Canada without labels. Additionally, with the global market closing, Canada is becoming an attractive target for producers.

THEREFORE, your petitioners call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-439, an Act to amend the Hazardous Products Act and ban products made with dog or cat fur from entering Canada.

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