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To Whom It May Concern:

As a fashion designer, I choose not to use fur in my designs. I believe it to be cruel and unnecessary. I design without fur because I do not want to be personally responsible for the death of millions of innocent animals. I urge consumers to also not contribute to this by wearing fur.

With that said, I am therefore shocked and disgusted to learn that raccoon dog fur is being sold to unsuspecting American consumers under false pretense. This is due to false labeling, no labeling, or even advertising real fur as "faux fur." Even worse, it is reported that in China these animals are being skinned alive for their fur. Skinned alive! Oftentimes in the sight of the public...including children. China is responsible for supplying most of the garments containing fur that enter into this country. This sort of abuse should not be tolerated for any reason, much less for the sake of fashion. For what? For a coat that someone will wear maybe half a dozen times a year? It's preposterous!

We can protect these animals from being skinned alive by banning products using this fur from entering this country. If a designer chooses to use other types of fur, despite the cruel nature of its production, then those garments should be properly labeled so consumers can make an informed decision. I strongly support the Dog and Cat Fur Prohibition Enforcement Act, introduced by Congressman Jim Moran (D-VA) and Congressman Mike Ferguson (R-NJ), and call on Congress to enact this important animal welfare and consumer protection law as quickly as possible.

I urge you to think twice about what is going on here and to think about what these animals have to endure just to become a jacket. It's disgusting!

Thank you!



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