

The Honorable Sven-Erik Bucht
Minister for Rural Affairs

April 13, 2015

Dear Mr. Minister,

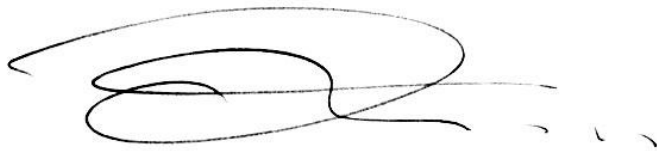
I am writing to urge you to ban fur farming in Sweden and prevent the abuse of approximately 1 million minks every year.

PETA U.K.'s [recent video exposé](#) demonstrates that fur farms are living nightmares for animals. Video footage taken during visits to 20 percent of Sweden's mink farms documented that minks were crammed into small wire cages covered with feces and infested with maggots. Dead and dying animals were left to rot in the cages, while many of the living minks suffered from open wounds, often the result of cannibalism or self-mutilation.

Not only is the fur industry cruel, it's also toxic and harmful to the environment. A 2013 study by the consultancy firm CE Delft compared the production of fur to that of synthetic textiles and found that the climate-change impact of a mink coat was up to 10 times greater than that of a faux-fur coat. Sweden is known around the world for its "green" credentials, but mink farming is most definitely not green.

I was delighted to learn that the last remaining chinchilla fur farm in Sweden closed down in 2014 and that fox farming has also been phased out in the country. Please join Austria, the U.K., and other nations by banning all fur farms.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joel Kinnaman', with a large, sweeping initial 'J' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joel Kinnaman