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Dear Mr Creed,

I was happy to hear from my friends at PETA that you recently took action to ban the use of wild animals in circuses in Ireland. Hats off to you, sir! As I prepare for my upcoming show at Dublin's 3Arena, I'd like to encourage you to continue on this progressive path by also outlawing fur farming.

Ireland has three fur farms, on which 200,000 minks are jammed into squalid cages and denied the opportunity to roam, swim, or care for their young. This confinement causes them such psychological distress that many go insane and mutilate themselves. They're killed when they're only about 6 months old – crammed by the dozens into a box and gassed to death. And for what? A stale "status symbol" that nobody wants to wear any more.

Other countries, including Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Netherlands, and the UK, have made fur farming illegal, and Norway last month announced a plan to ban the horrific industry. I hope Ireland will follow suit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Morrissey', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

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