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The Honorable Sven-Erik Bucht
Minister for Rural Affairs

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Dear Mr. Bucht,

I hope this letter finds you well. As you likely know, your neighbor, Norway, is taking steps to end fur farming, and I'm writing today to ask that you follow suit by shutting down your country's remaining mink farms. Millions of kind people around the world—including 78 percent of Swedish citizens—would welcome a ban on fur farming, and I'd be the first to pop the champagne cork.

Eyewitness investigations into fur farms have shown cruelty to animals across the board, and Sweden's are no exception. Minks are semiaquatic animals who make their homes in cozy dens that they line with grass and leaves, but video footage taken during visits to Swedish mink farms documented that animals were crammed into small wire cages and were covered with feces and infested with maggots. Dead and dying animals were simply left to rot inside the cages. Many minks suffered from open wounds, often as a result of self-mutilation caused by the stress of intensive confinement. These were not isolated cases of rogue facilities but evidence of endemic suffering and abuse.

Your country has been progressive on many social issues, so I hope you'll agree that the practice of confining animals to tiny cages for their entire lives before tearing their skin off no longer has any place in modern Sweden.

I respectfully hope for a reply. I can be reached through PETA at ElisaA@peta.org.uk.

Sincerely yours,



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