



The Honorable Delores Kelley  
Chairwoman, Senate Finance Committee  
The Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee

Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen St.  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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RE: Please Support SB 282

Dear Chairwoman Delores Kelley and members of the Senate Finance Committee:

On behalf of MOM's Organic Market I'd like to express our support for SB 282, legislation that will prohibit the production and sale of cosmetic products that have been tested on animals. As a local company based in Rockville and operating 10 stores in Maryland, we have been committed to selling cruelty-free cosmetics for the past 33 years.

Animal testing for cosmetics is unnecessary and outdated. Innovative products can be created using thousands of ingredients that have already been proven to be safe. For new ingredients, there are many non-animal test methods available that can be used for safety evaluations. These alternatives provide data that is more relevant to humans and offer savings in time and cost from traditional animal tests.

More than 30 countries including the European Union, India, Israel, Norway and Switzerland have already banned production and sale of animal-tested cosmetics, and international companies must already be in compliance with bans in those countries. Laws to end the sale of animal-tested cosmetics have also passed in California, Nevada and Illinois. Passage of SB 282 would help push for harmonization of U.S. cosmetic policy with these states and countries and facilitate the trade of safe and humane cosmetic products worldwide.

Now is the time for Maryland to lead the way in establishing a cruelty-free cosmetics market in the United States. We urge your strong support for SB 282. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alexandra DySard  
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MOM's Organic Market