



February 12, 2021

Committee on Health and Government Operations
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Strong Support for HB 611 282 – Prohibition on Testing Cosmetics on Animals

Dear Committee

The Body Shop US is pleased to support HB 611.

HB 611 will prohibit the animal testing for cosmetics in the state and will also prohibit the sale of any cosmetic product that has been tested on animals after the date January 1, 2022 thus bringing Maryland in line with California, Nevada and Illinois as well as with over 40 countries which already prohibit the sale of new animal-tested cosmetics.

As a company that has relied on non-animal safety tests to ensure our products meet cosmetic safety needs, we have direct experience with the utility and success of these modern approaches. With a plethora of ingredients available that have already been proven safe as well as the growth in modern non-animal safety tests available, there is no reason to test cosmetic products or ingredients on animals. Moreover, we know that being cruelty free is deeply important to our customers.

Eliminating the sale of animal tested cosmetics in Maryland is a move that is welcomed by our company and one that will help the move the US in the right direction helping to ensure that animals are no longer harmed for the sake of cosmetics anywhere in the world.

We respectfully urge your support for HB 611.

Sincerely,

Nicolas Debray

President of North America, The Body Shop, US