

# Maryland State Bar Association

## Animal Law Section

February 12, 2021

Delegate Shane E. Pendergrass  
Delegate Terri L. Hill  
Health and Government Operations Committee  
House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Written Testimony of the Maryland State Bar Association Animal Law Section in Support of HB 611

Dear Delegate Pendergrass, Delegate Hill, and Committee Members:

The Maryland State Bar Association Animal Law Section (the "Section") is in support of HB 611, a bill which prohibits the selling of a cosmetic product that was developed or manufactured using animal testing.

Non-animal testing methods are widely available and are generally more effective and efficient than animal testing of cosmetic products. This legislation reflects existing practices, as non-animal testing methods are currently utilized within the cosmetics industry and are accepted by safety regulators. It is also important to note that HB611 applies solely to cosmetics, not drugs, and that its exceptions take into consideration safety issues and regulatory requirements.

The Section appreciates the Committee's interest in strengthening Maryland's animal laws and urges a favorable report on HB 611.

Respectfully,

/s/

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