



The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass
Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee
The Honorable Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk
Vice-Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee
The Honorable Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee

House Office Building
6 Bladen St.
Room 241
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

January 25, 2021

RE: Please Support HB 611

Dear Chairwoman Pendergrass, Vice-Chairwoman Pena-Melnyk and members of the Health and Government Operations Committee:

My name is Jill Turnbull, I have been in the beauty industry since 1976 and I am the Founder and CEO of Jill Turnbull beauty. We are a company that produces environmentally conscious, luxury makeup, skincare, and haircare products without the need for animal testing. I am writing to express my strong support of HB 611 which would prohibit the production and sale of cosmetic products that have been tested on animals.

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

Maryland can be at the forefront of establishing a cruelty-free cosmetics market in the United States. Please support HB 611.

Sincerely,

Jill Turnbull
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