

October 19, 2020

The Honorable Gila Gamliel
Minister of Environmental Protection

Dear Minister,

As an honorary director of PETA and on behalf of my friends in the International Anti-Fur Coalition, thank you for proposing an amendment to the Wildlife Protection Law that would ban the sale of fur!

I've been involved in this issue for many years, writing to the prime minister and even lobbying in person while visiting Israel. Your move will help protect millions of animals every year who would otherwise be bludgeoned, electrocuted, or even skinned alive for their fur. There's another urgent reason to ban fur without delay: COVID-19. Fur farms, like all places where animals are warehoused and killed, are breeding grounds for disease. The novel coronavirus has been found on fur farms in Denmark, the Netherlands, Spain, and the United States. In response, the Dutch Parliament voted overwhelmingly in favor of banning the breeding of minks, and the country's remaining fur farms will close by early next year.

Your beautiful country has had a special place in my heart ever since I stayed there during my appearance on *Dancing With the Stars*. Israel is leading the charge for animals in so many ways, from its ban on animal-tested products to the explosion of interest in vegan eating. I know that all of us who have been advocating for a ban on fur sales are looking forward to having another wonderful reason to celebrate.

Sincerely,

Pamela Anderson