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Baroness Symons  
Minister for Trade  
Department for Trade and Industry  
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Dear Baroness Symons

**Re: Cat and Dog Fur Trade**

I understand that you are holding a meeting on 18 March with interested parties on the issue of cat and dog fur. I would urge you to support calls for an immediate ban on the import, export, and sale of cat and dog fur throughout the European Union.

Increasing evidence shows that cat and dog fur is being sold in a number of member states in the EU. Not only is this practice abhorrent in terms of animal welfare, it also constitutes fraud. Voluntary labelling initiatives are clearly not sufficient in this instance. I would be grateful if you would let me know what actions you plan to take.

Yours sincerely

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