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## ***Canadians support Erskine-Smith's bill C-246***

***Wildlife protection group wants MPs to listen to constituents on Modernizing Animal Protections Act***

**VANCOUVER** – Members of Parliament need to listen to their constituents – not partisan politics – and support the recently introduced bill C-246, says a national wildlife protection group.

The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals (The Fur-Bearers) is calling on their broad national support base to email their MPs and enlist support for the Modernizing Animal Protections Act, introduced by MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith last week.

“This bill will update basic loopholes in the criminal code, provide expected protections against the importation of shark fins, and finally ban the importation and sale of dog and cat fur,” says Adrian Nelson, Director of Communications for The Fur-Bearers. “We have collected over 13,000 signatures on a parliamentary petition asking for this prohibition, and have watched too many private members’ bills fail in the past because of party politics. It’s time for Members of Parliament to hear what their constituents are saying.”

As many as 3 million dogs and cats are killed overseas as part of the meat and fur trade, and though the importation of their fur has been prohibited in the United States, the UK, and the European Union, it remains legal in Canada. C-246 would prohibit the importation and sale of these products, as well as require that all fur products be identified on product labels.

“This bill would provide basic protection for consumers who have chosen a fur free lifestyle due to the inherently inhumane treatment of animals in the wild and confinement as part of these industries,” Nelson says. “We know Canadians – including our tens of thousands of supporters – are contacting their MPs and asking them to support this bill today. And we expect these MPs to put aside petty partisan issues and listen to their constituents.”

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The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals was founded in 1953, and is mandated to oppose the commercial fur trade as well as promote co-existence measures for wildlife and communities. They are a national non-profit based in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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