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The Honourable Harsh Vardhan
Minister of Health and Family Welfare
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New Delhi 110 001

Dear Mr Minister:

There was no news sweeter to my ears than when I heard that your ministry included the new rule in The Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, which bans the testing of cosmetics and their ingredients on animals in India in favour of modern, non-animal and human-relevant test methods. Along with sending the vegan cake that accompanies this letter, I am writing to request that you be sweet to bunnies again by passing the proposed ban on the import and sale of cosmetics if they or their ingredients have been tested on animals.

My many compassionate friends and I were thrilled to know that your ministry agrees that the only way to be a bunny's honey is to let bunnies live freely, as they should, and not by caging them and conducting painful tests on them for lipstick and mascara.

More than 1,400 companies around the world have banned all animal tests in favour of effective, modern non-animal tests, but some still choose to subject animals to painful tests in which substances are dripped into their eyes, smeared onto their abraded skin, sprayed in their faces or forced down their throats. Because of the vast physiological differences between humans and the animals used in these tests, the results are often misleading.

To ensure full compliance with animal testing bans around the world for cosmetics and in order to respect the majority of consumers who are opposed to testing cosmetics on animals, may I please request that you use your good office to order a ban on the import, marketing and sale of cosmetics if they or their ingredients were tested on animals, as the current law still permits cosmetics that have been tested on animals to be sold in India?

I would be happy to hear from you about this important matter. You can reach me through my friend at PETA, Sachin Bangera, at SachinB@petaindia.org.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,



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