



CONSEIL CANADIEN DE LA FOURRURE

FUR COUNCIL OF CANADA

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Senator Hervieux-Payette
Senate of Canada

Dear Senator Hervieux-Payette,

The Fur Council of Canada is a national association with members representing all sectors of the trade.

We are writing to thank you for the leadership you have shown in supporting the livelihoods and cultures of thousands of Canadians involved in the Canadian seal hunt.

Despite what certain lobby groups would have us believe, most people -- in North America, Europe and internationally -- accept that humans may use animals for food, clothing and other purposes, so long as this is done in a responsible and respectful way.

The Universal Declaration on the Ethical Harvest of Seals which you have sponsored is therefore an extremely important initiative, and the Fur Council of Canada is pleased to support it.

It is very exciting to see so many groups coming together to provide accurate information about the sustainable and responsible use of natural resources. To this end, we will post a link to *The Declaration* from our www.FURisGREEN.com site, and we invite you to provide a reciprocal link.

We look forward to working with you and your team to promote better public understanding and appreciation of this remarkable Canadian heritage industry.

Sincerely,

Alan Herscovici
Executive Vice-President
“On behalf of the Board of Directors”
Fur Council of Canada