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I am writing in support of LD 1551, An Act to Ban the Sale of Cosmetics That Have Been Tested on Animals. I believe animal testing for cosmetics is unnecessary and cruel. These animals can suffer for weeks or months before they are killed. Companies can create products using ingredients that have already been proven safe and do not require new testing. And for new ingredients that do need testing, there are many non-animal testing methods that can be used and which are actually more reliable. Four other states have already enacted such legislation, and Maine should, too. I urge the committee to support this measure.

Thank you.