

# Pamela Anderson

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The Honorable Philipp Rösler  
Minister of Economics and Technology

Dear Mr. Minister,

I hope this letter finds you well. The end of Canada's commercial seal slaughter is near, now that the European Union, the U.S., and Russia—which had been importing 95 percent of Canadian pelts—have all banned seal fur. As you may know, I've been working with PETA to end the slaughter once and for all. Our main concern now is that the government in my native Canada is trying to overturn the E.U. ban by appealing to the World Trade Organization (WTO). Canada knows it will lose this challenge but is bluffing with the threat of WTO action. I realize that to the governments of Europe, this seems like a juvenile political move—but our government is only posturing in order to garner political support in Canada's Atlantic states. The rest of the country finds it embarrassing.

As the vast majority of Germans want the seal slaughter to end, including the more than 40,000 people in Germany who have urged Canada's prime minister to put a stop to it, I'm writing to ask that you please do all in your power to ensure that the E.U. ban on seal products remains in place. I hope to hear that you will use your influence to encourage the European Commission and WTO to dismiss Canada's case challenging the ban, given the fact that a panel still has not yet been formed after more than a year. Germany has been so progressive on so many social issues that PETA just wants to make sure that this is on your radar, too.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pamela Anderson', with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

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