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My entire family and I who are passionately Scottish, but currently live both sides of the border, are writing to give our comments on the Government's Review of The Protection of the Wild Mammals Act (2002) - particularly as Scottish hunting laws are still shamefully weaker than those in the rest of the UK.

We understand that this Review will investigate the operation of the Act to ascertain whether it is providing a sufficient level of protection for wild mammals, while at the same time allowing effective and humane control of these animals where necessary. We therefore want to point out our two key concerns:

1.) Hunters north of the border can use any number of hounds to flush foxes to waiting guns, and go underground to "flush out" foxes. In England and Wales that is restricted to just two. We have a duty as animal lovers to make sure foxes, rabbits, hare, mink and deer are, at the very least, as protected from harm at the hands of hunters in Scotland as they are in England and Wales. Indeed the Scottish mountain hare is systematically being eradicated in parts of Scotland in just a few years!

2.) We are also aware the the Prime Minister David Cameron made a pledge in his manifesto to put a repeal of the Hunting Act to a free vote. The Environment Secretary Liz Truss stated last year that the government will return to the matter when parliamentary time allows. On Sunday 14th February 2016, Cabinet Minister Matthew Hancock, who is in charge of implementing his party's manifesto, reaffirmed the Government commitment's to the pledge, during a BBC Interview.

We therefore ask that the SNP finish what they started last July when they stood up for wildlife, and up to Cameron. By tightening Scottish Hunting Laws, they will be in an even stronger position to stand up to him next time!

Yours sincerely

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