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Dear Lord Bonomy

I am writing to with regard to the review of the Hunting Act, which needs to be tightened up to protect wildlife and save both domestic and wild animals from further suffering. The brave solidarity shown by the SNP against the continuous challenges by the British Government to a well regarded piece of legislation has strengthened our commitment to trying to prevent this cruel and unnecessary blood sport from making a return, yet time and time again hunts are breaking the law and trying to lobby for the return of legal hunting. Despite the claims made by groups that the fox is mere vermin, causing destruction and devastation across the land this is not the case <http://www.league.org.uk/our-campaigns/hunting-with-dogs/foxcology-the-truth-about-foxes> . In fact the hounds are a known nuisance on both roads and with pets <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hereford-worcester-35641125> as with raptors persecuted for the grouse moors <http://www.scottishraptorstudygroup.org/persecution.html> hunting is a a 'pleasure' which costs wildlife dear.

Hunters in Scotland can go underground and use any number of dogs they like, we need to have a uniform plan to restrict this and try to prevent the return of hunting by the back door. Here, we are trying to convince the Government to retain the funding for the Wildlife Crime Unit, it is astonishing when so much wildlife has been put at further risk from the condemnation of badgers and fervor for a cull - despite the fact that this will increase the problem of BTB rather than reduce it- that we are witnessing this disregard for the safety and protection of animals. There are incidences of illegal hunting in Scotland as well and many on both sides of the border wish to end the loopholes.

Thank you for your time.

Yours Sincerely

Victoria Cole

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