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Dear Sir,

As you know the 2002 Hunting Act is up for review.

David Cameron's government is trying to weaken the laws relating to foxhunting but I urge you instead to support the strengthening of the act.

We live in the 21st century and the barbaric practice of hunting with hounds is a throwback to a previous time when wildlife was considered cheap. In this day and age we should cherish nature and not destroy it in the interests of some cruel and disgusting "sport".

In my opinion, real sport involves two evenly matched teams battling over for example, the possession of a ball. Using the superior forces of mounted huntsmen backed up by ravenous hounds against a much smaller and terrified animal cannot possibly fit the definition of the word sport.

The pro-hunt lobby has often tried to make out that whole debate is a class issue. That may well be the case but I find it interesting that whereas all the "working class" blood sports of cock fighting, bear baiting, hare coursing, dog fighting etc. have all been abolished (and rightly so) fox hunting in whichever form it takes still persists? From the class point of view, this state of affairs is strangely perplexing.

Prior to the 2002 Act, the pro-hunt lobby predicted that any tampering with the status quo would result in the loss of thousands of jobs in an already struggling rural economy. This pessimistic outcome simply has not materialised.

Thank you for reading my letter and I hope you reach the right decision in your review so that I may soon be able to tell my five year old granddaughter who loves

nature and is fascinated by wildlife, that mutilating nature's innocent animals for some sort of perverted pleasure will soon be a thing of the past.

Yours sincerely,

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