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Dear Sir,

Review of fox hunting legislation

I write to you in support of the current legislation on hunting with dogs.

I am a sheep farmer in Highland Perthshire, where our sheep business is very commercially sensitive to changes in the physical output from the enterprise. Any unexpected and unwanted predation, nearly always by foxes, is an immediate threat to our livelihood. For that reason we support the local Fox control society, who are an additional resource in the control of foxes, particularly in the local large forestry plantations. The Fox Control society runs a foot pack, which is supported by local members through subscription and physical support so that there are always people with guns to despatch, quickly and humanely, the foxes that the hounds flush from the woods. I am also a keen 'country person' with an interest in the wildlife around our farm. In particular we support the Black grouse, which are managing to hang on in small numbers despite being on the conservation red list. Any increase in predation - by foxes - would increase the challenge to their existence.

There is no sense of enjoyment in the activities of our Fox Control Society: It is a necessary control practice of a predator that is a direct threat to our businesses. The welfare of our stock is paramount, and we hate to see any animals suffer. In this part of the country we do not have alternative ways of farming, so sheep are our mainstay to make a living.

We urge you to weigh these matter heavily in your deliberations, and to keep in mind that the alternative view being put forward has an adverse affect on us and our families without consequence to those promoting those ideas.

yours sincerely,

Ian Duncan Millar

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