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Dear Sir/Madam,

I feel compelled to write in conjunction with the 2002 Act Review.

I was born in Edinburgh and came to live in the Scottish Borders as a child. From an early age, I frequently experienced the city way of life in conjunction with the country life style. From parents being in the hotel trade and family builders firm in Edinburgh; to coming to live on my Grandparents' farm was a complete life style change to say the very least.

I soon started to see and learn that balance within nature is the very key to wild mammals, livestock and human survival and welfare. The point, I know, is not contesting the fact that the fox does systematically kill lambs, farm poultry, breeding game birds, game chicks, also diverse instances where (the BBC news made coverage of increased instances of babies in London having limbs chewed upon, having gained entry through open windows in the Summer), that is all a given...

The main point is the foxes habitat in the Scottish Borders is extremely difficult to get to and impossible to walk through by humans. The well trained hound pack, carefully bred for obedience and ability to do their instructed work of flushing fox to gun for humane control is only achieved by hounds working as a pack. The very nature of the challenging ground, in which the fox inhabits is only effectively approachable by a hound pack. The fox population would soon become untenable for the safe survival and balance of other mammals, birds, farmed animal livestock in the countryside if packs were not in use for flushing purposes.

The intricate nature of a pack of hounds is paramount in order to achieve the flush of the fox from our challenging countryside to the gun for balanced control. The very imperative ability of a pack of hounds, to carry out the control of foxes would be impossible if the number of hounds were restricted.

I have witnessed the pride taken by hunts in Scotland to proudly adhere to the 2002 Act implicitly. The atmosphere is one of the utter most pride in having an exemplarily well trained pack doing a job of work efficiently and humanely. The work and nature's balance would not be possible without the ability of a pack to flush. All work by packs is open for all the public to see and I have never witnessed any opposition to a working pack with the guns. To view the working day of a pack of hounds is a truly awe inspiring, experience of natures majesty.

I am the proverbial city girl whom has gained a realistic knowledge and utmost respect in the intelligent working of the pack. I clearly see that we must retain the essential balance within the countryside which only the packs can achieve. No pack equals an impossibility to keep sustainable balance.

Please retain the packs for balance.

Yours faithfully

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