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Dear Lord Bonomy,

I understand you will be reviewing the above fairly shortly and I would like to bring together some points for your attention.

Foxes are predators and they have caused damage and loss to Farmers, poultry keepers and in many other areas. Indeed they are now townies as well as there are now so many. Feeding on dustbins has become irresistible.

Over the years there have been many ways used to keep the numbers down and it has been proved to anyone who cares and knows about animals that hunting with hounds provides the most efficient and quickest way of killing them. They are born to hunt themselves and the argument that they suffer whilst being hunted is not true. Have you ever come across a fox in broad daylight collect a hen from under your nose? He just turns round and looks at you with triumph. I have also seen him turn round in the middle of a field and stand and look at my own dogs with a "catch me if you can" attitude.

There are of course other ways to deal with too many foxes but these cannot necessarily flush a fox from covert and have the guarantee that he will be either killed outright or escape completely, if one has no hounds. I have come across too many wounded foxes which have either been snared and escaped or have been gassed and not killed

Foxhunting has been going on for several centuries and if it was as cruel as the Animal Rights bodies claim it would have been stopped long ago. As it is I feel the present legislation is sufficient.

Yours sincerely,

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