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Dear Sirs,

I am a farmer in Stirlingshire where the principal agricultural activity is sheep farming. Under the current legislation packs of hounds are used to flush foxes to guns. With the large forestry plantations surrounding us a fair number of hounds are required to be used to flush in lines towards the guns. If only a few hounds are used the foxes go round in circles and do not run straight to where the guns are placed. This makes it virtually impossible to flush successfully unless a pack of hounds are used. It goes without saying that control of the wild fox population is required and flushing with hounds is one of the more successful ways of achieving this and allowing the guns to have clearer shots thus avoiding merely injuring the target. In the view of all the farmers in our area who subscribe to the local fox club the existing legislation works whereas if the number of hounds used is restricted or banned then doing the job becomes very difficult.

I therefore trust you will examine the current legislation in light of the above and not be unduly swayed by political or emotive matters raised by those who are not having to earn a living from livestock farming in Scotland.

Yours faithfully

Jim Laing

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