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The Rt Hon. George Eustice MP
Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Nobel House
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Our Ref: EC6350

Dear George,

RE: Trophy Hunting

I write on behalf of Humane Society International and on behalf of constituents who have contacted me regarding trophy hunting.

I am pleased that the Government decided to consult on options to restrict the imports and exports of hunting trophies to the UK - including a potential ban. I am aware that the consultation closed in February, with responses now being considered, and it will allow ministers to understand the public's views on all sides of the debate and gather expert evidence to inform any next steps.

Following a recent meeting with Humane Society International, and further to calls from my constituents, I am writing to give my support for a comprehensive trophy hunting ban which would end UK support for this practice and build on the great work of our Ivory Act. It would also demonstrate UK leadership on efforts to promote biodiversity and improve animal welfare standards.

I understand that YouGov polling has demonstrated that 76 per cent of the public want a total ban on the import and export of all hunting trophies compared to a ban limited to endangered species.

I should be grateful for your consideration of this, and I look forward to the outcome of the consultation.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elliot Colburn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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