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le Dalai-Lama*

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The Rt Hon David Cameron
The Prime Minister
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Sir,

I am addressing this letter to you today because I need to share with you my disappointment and worries concerning the potential changes to the Statutory Instrument governing the implementation of the Hunting Act which will, if approved, have significant and negative consequences

I have consistently praised your country's decision in 2004 to end this cruel tradition when the United Kingdom Parliament showed the world your nation be one founded on compassion with citizens who care about animal welfare.

But today, perhaps comforted by a Parliamentary majority at the 7th May's election, you have decided to jeopardize this well-deserved international reputation.

It is my understanding that the overwhelming view of the majority of people in England, with whom I wholeheartedly agree, are opposed to permitting a pack of hounds to pursue (until exhausted) and then flush foxes and other wildlife which will subsequently be shot - if the hounds do not 'accidentally' kill the animal first.

Were this terrible proposal, which I understand will be the subject of just 90 minutes of Parliamentary debate, to be approved, it would shine a most unfavorable light on England and only serve to outrage people from all over the planet.

Can it be the case that this archaic "sport", the preserve of a tiny minority who find pleasure in 'riding to hounds' with the intent of terrorizing and killing wild animals, is something that should be permitted, even applauded, in the 21st Century?

Mahatma Gandhi once said that "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

I solemnly ask you today, through this message, to retrieve the situation, withdraw this measure and not condemn your country to what will be seen by the majority of people as a regressive step, back towards vicious and outdated pastimes, characterized by savage hunting activities that should be consigned to history long ago - as I thought they had been.

Yours sincerely

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