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In support of SB. 994!

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To whom it may concern;

My name is Michael Broderick and I'm a veterinarian at the Woodbridge Veterinary Hospital. I have been treating injured wildlife for nearly 20 years and have witnessed animals caught in leg hold traps.

The leg hold trap is a cruel non-species specific trap that should be banned in Connecticut. The leg hold trap causes terrible crushing injuries damaging bones, muscles and skin in trapped animals. The horrific injuries it causes lead to excruciating pain in the animals caught in its jaws. We have seen animals chew off their own appendages when caught in the trap.

I have a B.S. in Natural Resources and Environmental Science and I studied wildlife management at Purdue. The other very objectionable truth is the leg hold trap kills and maims non-target species including endangered species and even domestic pets. In a state like Connecticut that has a concentrated population where domestic pets like cats can become easily ensnared in the traps, it is immoral not to ban this device from our humane minded state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael D. Broderick D.V.M.".

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