

TESIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 994 BANNING LEGHOLD TRAPS.

To members of the Environment Committee.

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Dear Sirs,

It is quite likely that every trapper in Connecticut will attend today's hearing, all three hundred or so of them. This small intense group will attempt to project influence far beyond its size, however, and will try to convince the committee that torturing animals in steel jaw leg hold traps is noble and humane. Their audacity and perversity boggles the mind.

Any potential sympathy committee members may have for this small group of trappers should be tempered with the realization that the overwhelming majority of Connecticut's population will not support the use of cruel and indiscriminate traps.

**THE TAKE HOME MESSAGE IS THAT IF YOU DON'T FEEL THAT THESE TORTUROUS TRAPPING DEVICES ARE INHUMANE AND THEREFORE DESERVING OF ELIMINATION, THEN AT LEAST KNOW AND REMEMBER THAT YOUR POLITICAL CAREERS WILL NOT BE ADVANCED BY SUPPORTING THIS SMALL GROUP OF EXTREME ANIMAL ABUSERS.**