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Senator Meyer
Ms. Gentile

RE: SB 1018 (oppose provision to legalize snares)

Dear Senator Meyer, Ms. Gentile:

By means of introduction, my name is Richard Kragle. I am a resident of Glastonbury, CT and am an active voter in all elections.

I am writing today to **OPPOSE the section in SB 1018**, An Act Concerning Enforcement of Environmental Conservation, that would legalize snare traps.

From various perspectives these traps should NOT be legalized:

- 1) They are reminiscent of medieval torture devises that impose cruel and inhumane suffering to the animal (or person) caught in them. A panicked child caught in one of these could just as well suffer the same excruciating cerebral hemorrhaging and rupturing that these devises cause.
- 2) They are indiscriminant. They cannot distinguish between a wild predator, family pet, or person. These snares have a mouth-activated, pull back mechanism which is designed to capture canines (our much loved family dogs).
- 3) They are not effective. Studies show that coyote populations rebound after suffering a decline caused by such devises.
- 4) Other means of control have proven more effective.
- 5) They are often camouflaged (cannot be seen), which poses an unseen threat to human and domesticated life.

As a nature and animal enthusiast, and on behalf of the vast voting population that enjoys the outdoors and value humane treatment of animals and that far outnumber the population using these snares, I respectfully request your support in **opposing** this provision.

Thank you for your consideration and support on this matter.

Sincerely,
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