

Dear Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile, and Honorable Members of the Environment Committee,

Please accept this as my testimony (for public hearing held on 3/8/13) in OPPOSITION to a provision within SB 1018, AAC enforcement of environmental conservation laws. I oppose the provision that would legalize the use of snares for trapping, and ask that you KEEP SNARES ILLEGAL.

I vote in every election, and this issue is important to me.

Having traps in our beautiful CT outdoors, which ensnare ANY animal unlucky enough to venture near enough and holds them in pain while they struggle for freedom, is inhumane. Such needless cruelty, moreover, diminishes us, erodes our compassion, and sets an such a nasty example for our children it makes me shudder. I oppose ANY expansion of such practices, including use of a contaption named the Collarum, which belongs to that grand category of "maybe improving in particular, but still failing in general".

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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