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Senator Ed Meyer
Representative Linda Gentile
Senator Clark Chapin
Representative John Shaban
Environment Committee
Room 3200, Legislative Office Building
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Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile, Senator Chapin and Representative Shaban:

I would like to thank you for raising SB 239 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PROPANE NOISEMAKERS TO REPEL WILDLIFE. This is an issue that is very important to several of my constituents in Somers.

I have been contacted by those residents to express their frustration with the noise generated by the propane noisemaker during its months of operation. They have told me that it disrupts their ability to enjoy their properties in warm weather. It has impacts on the young, the elderly and their pets. Many also feel that it negatively affects the value of their property.

There has been conflicting information as to how well propane cannons work to protect crops. It is my hope that this legislation, if passed, will answer that question for both residents and the farmers that utilize them allowing them to reach a compromise that is beneficial to everyone.

Thank you again for your consideration of this request. I hope you will join me in supporting this bill.

Sincerely

John A. Kissel
State Senator-7th District