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**Reply-To:** BRUCE FLEWELLING

Dear Representatives,

I am opposed to H-357, the supposed "Wanton Waste of Wildlife" bill. Sure, it sounds good, but like so many "feel good" bills, it is fraught with problems. Perhaps the hidden real purpose is to do away with all hunting and fishing!

My taxes go to pay for professionals in the Fish and Wildlife Department to make professional, science-based decisions. Shouldn't the Fish and Wildlife Committee do the same?

What is a farmer to do when a family or two of raccoon's get into their crop of sweet corn? When they kill the raccoon's are they then supposed to sell the meat to make up for the loss of the sweet corn sales? What about the home gardener like me when a pesky groundhog starts using my garden as its restaurant? And what is "reasonable" effort to recover? And who decides this?

I know some folks are upset with the killing of crows. Have they had to replant their corn crop after crows have pulled the newly sprouted corn, time after time? I have, and I know how frustrating it can be. And a "scarecrow" is nothing but a welcome committee for the crows around here.

It's time to kill this bad bill!

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