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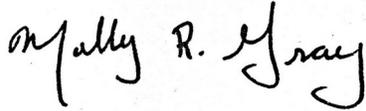
Dear Lynn:

Thank you for taking the time to contact my office. I appreciate you sharing your views on hound hunting. This was an issue I was made aware of on the campaign trail, and continue to hear concerns from Vermonters, particularly those in the Northeast Kingdom. While the Lt. Governor does not have a direct role in legislation I will do my best to keep the issue in mind.

I am deeply committed to elevating the voices of Vermonters, and I hope you will not hesitate to contact my office again. I look forward to seeing you in your community soon.

Wishing you good health as we work together to ensure Vermont recovers stronger from this pandemic.

Sincerely,



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t. Governor Gray, Vermonters and our highly vulnerable natural resources are at a very crucial moment in time. The past decade has showcased the hottest six years Vermont has ever known. Drought, inconsistent rainfall patterns and exceedingly high rates of Lyme disease in our state warrant immediate concern. And yet absolutely nothing is being done to address protecting the wild creatures from unnecessary slaughter in traps or by hounders for thrill kills. Truly, it's a stain on the reputation of this beautiful state to encourage this form of intentional wanton waste. Representative Jim McCullough has put forth a FREE option for Vermont to address the future of the entire ecosystem we call home. By enacting Bill H.172, we would not only help our current situation, but would also be offering our children and young family members hope for the years to come.

Today's animal management plans need to be science based; not tradition based. And science tells us that the trapping of our meso-carnivores ( skunk; raccoon and fox...rabies vector species) is no longer needed to maintain healthy balances.

As stated by Claire Perry, Maine resident-Independent Wildlife Conservation Biologist and Carnivore Specialist.

We need to look forward, not backwards. And unfortunately the fourteen member appointed FWB board takes strategic effort to exclude anyone who does not hunt, trap or stuff Vermont's wildlife. With their chronically secretive and highly controversial trapping regulation patterns, either this board needs to be dissolved or it needs to be dissolved or it needs to be inclusive. Thank you. Sincerely, Lynn Andrews Pomfret, Vermont

