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In favor of Bill H-7294

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House Environment and Natural Resources
Committee Members
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street Providence, RI 02903

Dear Committee members:

On behalf of our volunteers, members, supporters, and board members, I am respectfully requesting that you consider voting for House Bill No. House Bill No. 7294 by Slater, Diaz, Bennett, O'Brien (Prohibits captive hunting for domestic or wild animals and does not prohibit the release of upland game birds for hunting on licensed shooting preserves.)

The bill would prohibit captive hunting for domestic or wild animals.

Captive hunting is canned hunting, which is the killing of a confined or restrained wild animal. It is nothing more than the slaughter for the sake of amusement.

Unlike situations in which animals can use their natural and instinctual abilities to escape predation, a canned hunt affords animals no such opportunity.

It is not only unethical but also a cruel practice. It is not a sport in any sense of the word. Please vote in favor of H-7294.

Very truly yours,

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Director