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Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Mourning Dove hunt

Effective September 3, 2013, the then Stephen Harper federal government, with the agreement of its Ontario counterpart, opened a southern Ontario sport hunt – killing for fun – of Mourning Doves. Mourning Doves haven't been hunted in Ontario since 1955.

Those who enjoy cruelly extinguishing the lives of Mourning Doves, those wildlife managers who enable them, and those politicians who covet the votes and political donations of hunters, offer a range of arguments to "justify" a sport hunt of Mourning Doves.

We know from past experience that opposition to the Mourning Dove hunt would have been widespread if Environment Canada and Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources had earlier consulted with naturalists, birders, and bird loving people. Environment Canada tried to implement a Mourning Dove hunt in 1954. It ended a year later due to public opposition. The same opposition exists today.

The killing is cruel and ecologically damaging. It is also morally repugnant. It must end.

I call on you—I urge you—to end Stephen Harper's War on Wildlife.

I call on you to appeal to your constituents' courage, compassion, and intelligence. Those who respect animals have as much right to demand that they be left in peace, as those who would kill them for fun have a supposed right to take their lives.

This hunt must be stopped. A reply would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Signature

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