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Dear Minister Donaldson,

Subject: Deer cull permit for City of Cranbrook

I am writing to ask that you deny the City of Cranbrook a permit to cull deer. I ask this because of the permit violations that were committed by the City's contractor during the previous cull.

I am deeply troubled by the number of non-target animals who were killed during the cull. Appendix C of the permit states, "The "removal of white-tailed deer is not the objective of this project" and "traps must be located in urban areas dominated by mule deer, especially where complaints and conflicts of aggressive deer have occurred." The City must meet those two criteria to comply with the permit. Yet 40% of the deer killed were white-tailed deer and 56% of all the deer killed were fawns, not deer with "aggressive behaviour."

Only 15 of the 50 deer killed were actually targets as set out in the permit. As such, I strongly urge you to enforce compliance of the permit by denying future permit requests that may be made by the City of Cranbrook.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Signature

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