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In Favor of House Bill H-5606

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

Dear Committee members:

On behalf of our members, supporters, and board members, I am respectfully requesting your support for House Bill H-5606 by Representative Kislak and cosponsored by Representatives Bennett, Speakman, Boylan, and Spears.

The proposed legislation would ban wildlife killing contest on both public and private lands in the state.

Wildlife killing contests are legal in all but eight states including Arizona, California, Colorado, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Vermont, New York, and Washington.

In order to ensure that Rhode Island not allow any form of inhumane wildlife killing contests, we are requesting that you join neighboring states like Massachusetts, Vermont, and New York and vote in favor of Bill H-5606.

Very truly yours,

Dennis Tabella

**Dennis Tabella
Director**