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The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould

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House of Commons

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Dear Minister Wilson-Raybould,

I am writing to you in order to bring to your attention the issue of animal cruelty in Canada. I imagine that like me, you are receiving significant amounts of correspondence from constituents who are interested and serious about protecting animals from unnecessary harm.

In the previous parliament two NDP MPs tabled two separate private member's bills, C-232 and C-592, on amending the criminal code to enhance animal cruelty legislation in order to protect animals. Unfortunately, these bills died on the order paper due to the dissolution of parliament last year.

There is a tradition of multi-party consensus on these issues as was shown on November 6th, 2009 when the House of Commons unanimously adopted a Liberal motion to support the Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare.

I believe that we have firm support from all parties on supporting the changing and strengthening of provisions in the criminal code and I urge you to move forward with consultations and come up with legislation that will truly give animals the protections that are so drastically needed.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Alistair MacGregor

Member of Parliament for Cowichan-Malahat-Langford

CC: Murray Rankin, Member of Parliament for Victoria, NDP Critic for Justice



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