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Dear Hebb,

I am appalled to see that the Nova Scotia government is attempting to revise the provincial Wilderness Areas Protection Act to allow the commercial slaughter of baby seals on Hay Island.

Sterling Belliveau , Darrell Dexter , Gordon Hebb:

If I could kindly have your attention to this very important matter.

I want to get right to the heart of the seal-hunt debate by touching

upon some points that have been made by those that support seal hunting and my deep concerns with it. I do understand that the seal hunt does generate income for some individuals in Eastern parts of Canada but I

strongly disagree that income should substitute ethics and humanity. I have been present at these seal hunts and I can tell you first hand that the way these innocent creatures are bludgeoned to their death is anything but humane and regulated. I think that if individuals are relying on innocent blood for income then they need to get much more productive and educated so that they could become contributors of Canada - not individuals who continue to tarnish our banner. I have lived in Nova Scotia for several years and I have come to know many many people from Nova Scotia who drink their days away only to rely on baby seal blood to pay their rent. Our animals and our environment continue to pay a very high price in the name of money and we are starting to feel the affects of this and this will only get worse unless our attitudes change. Chopping down acres of trees also generates money but we are paying a much greater price as this continues to destroy our environment and expose us to pollutants. It

is with the mind set of making money that we continue to make decisions that are harmful and exclude compassion not only for what we directly destroy but to ourselves as well. Once again, those that are relying on seal fur (and I have seen hunters beat a seal and instantly start skinning these creatures often crying at the mercy of their killers, begging for some human kindness) for their livelihood should take a long hard look at their actions and find other ways to feed their families. If these seals did not exist they would be resourceful and

find other means - we should not give them the option of killing as one of their means. One final point to explain the danger in the attitude

of hunting for income is this example: in the past we traded slaves as a source of income but due to many radical groups protesting that this was an inhumane practice it was finally abolished - how is this any different?

I am sure that much more can be done in other hunts that you have noted but we must take this step first. I implore you to re-examine your stance on this matter and show the world that changing your views and mind in the name of life preservation is the way it was intended at conception. We as humans have made and continue to make many many mistakes that are tragic but it is people that are in your position that can truly make a difference and guide the nation in the direction of civilization because unfortunately we have drifted a long way from it.

I as a woman, a mother, a fellow Canadian beg you to take the just action regarding this issue and help save Canadian lives, our precious seals.

Please contact me if you need my help or care to discuss further.

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