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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.

I am so sick and tired of having to write these letters to your government!!!!!!

I WILL NEVER EVER go to your province as long as you kill these creatures. My money will go elsewhere. And I travel a lot.

We are in the 21st Century. Perhaps it's time the Nova Scotia government started living in this century and not in the dark ages. Learn to make money another way! Or is that an impossibility??? Are your constituents really that pathetic that they can't possibly make money by other means????

Grey seals have been subjected to extreme overhunting in the past two centuries and, by 1949, were thought to have been wiped out (extirpated) in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. While the population has slowly begun to recover, fishing-industry lobby groups have repeatedly pressured for a cull of grey seals -- despite any evidence to suggest such a move is necessary.

Clearly, the Nova Scotia government is now attempting to PANDER to the fishing industry by rewriting the law. This unscrupulous move will severely damage the reputation of your province and your political party. And it's already at the bottom of the barrel.

A BOYCOTT of Canadian seafood products -- that WILL CONTINUE until the seal hunt is ended in Canada -- has already attracted the support of 5,500 establishments and 650,000 individuals. With the Nova Scotia government apparently sanctioning the indiscriminate slaughter of baby seals in a provincial park, I suspect many companies will specifically choose to avoid Nova Scotia seafood. Moreover, one can only wonder how many fewer tourists will choose to visit Cape Breton once they have learned about the cruelty happening on Hay Island each February. For the sake of the seals and for Nova Scotia, please act now to safeguard the Wilderness Areas Protection Act and ensure that grey seals on Hay Island are protected from commercial seal hunting as they legally should be.

Sincerely,

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