

BUSINESS OWNERS LETTER

[Rep./Senator] XYZ

Senate Republican Office
LOB Room 3400
Hartford CT, 06106

{Above is an example. If a Democrat or Representative, address

must be changed, go to the following website for addresses and to locate your Senator or Rep., www.cga.ct.gov}

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

[Town, CT XXXXXX]

Dear [Rep./Senator] XYZ,

As your constituent and a business owner in the Town of XXXXXX, I urge you to **OPPOSE S.B. 994**, a bill to prohibit the use of body-gripping and live-hold foot traps. Connecticut already has some of the most restrictive laws governing trapping and the use of these devices. When used legally and properly, they have proven to be safe, humane, and effective.

[This is meant to be a template, you should insert some of your own comments on the issue, "form letters" are discarded]

This bill was inspired by emotion and myth fueled by animal activists, who offer no viable alternatives. Both of these wildlife management tools are supported by the following professional agencies who believe in sound scientific findings that they are humane, effective, and necessary for ongoing wildlife management:

Dept. of Environmental Protection

USDA – Wildlife Services

Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies

CT Farm Bureau

My business depends on our ability to provide a wide range of solutions to our customers who are experiencing wildlife problems. With the ever-increasing human-wildlife conflicts that are occurring in our State, especially with beaver and coyote it is unimaginable to me why our legislature would consider eliminating these valuable tools.

I hope I can count on you to **OPPOSE S.B. 994**, and protect my business. I look forward to hearing from you on this issue.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

[Your Name]

[Your Address]