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To: Kate Supron; Mary Mills
Subject: Please Protect Deer

Hello-

I hope you are having a good day.

I just read the following letter, which I know has been published, and I want to say I totally and completely agree with what this man is saying. Hopefully, Cayuga Hts. will find the wisdom to use non-lethal methods to deal with the perceived deer/human issue.

Thanks for your time and attention to this urgent matter.

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Net-and-bolt killing: Barbaric and illegal

We are appalled that Cayuga Heights is considering a highly controversial method of killing deer for their annual mass-slaughter program.

"Net-and-Bolt" uses large nets to ensnare groups of deer who are then shot in the head with captive-bolt guns. Video documentation shows the animals crying out in terror, some tossed in the air upon capture.

"The deer inside the net tend to thrash violently, often resulting in injuries, including broken limbs and antlers," said the president of the New Jersey SPCA. After consulting numerous experts, their board unanimously agreed that "netting and bolting is both cruel and inhumane and is a practice that must be ended."

It can take several shots to kill deer in this context, making their deaths slow and agonizing. A five-year member of the NJ Fish & Game Council "deploras" the practice, saying: "The US Veterinarians' Association has stated publicly that net-and-bolt is not appropriate for use in the field. If this loathsome slaughterhouse killing method is employed in any town, it will debase that town and its good people."

Net-and-bolt is illegal in New York, yet a Freedom of Information request revealed the DEC will give Cayuga Heights a special permit. How do they justify subverting our laws?

We urge you to speak out against this violence at the December 6th public hearing at Cayuga Heights Elementary School, 7 PM.

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