

Mary Mills

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To: Kate Supron

Cc: Mary Mills

Dear Mayor Supron:

Pure and simple, the proposed bolt method of "culling" deer is cruel. If you aren't convinced that what I say is true, here is what some experts say about it:

Jack Schrier, a former member of the Fish & Game Council in New Jersey, where "Net and Bolt" is legal, wrote:

"the poor creatures do struggle, do scream, and do try mightily to escape their fate. That natural and instinctive activity makes it virtually impossible in many instances for the bolt to be used accurately with a single shot. Too often the bolt misses the target, followed by second and third attempts before getting the bolt into the deer. .. If this loathsome slaughterhouse killing method is employed in any town, it will debase the town and its good people."

The New Jersey SPCA also condemned the barbaric practice, writing:

"The NJSPCA strongly believes that netting and bolting is both cruel and inhumane and is a practice that must be ended... The deer inside the net tend to thrash violently, often resulting in injuries, including broken limbs and antlers, and endure a significant amount of stress... The NJSPCA has reviewed various expert opinions, all of which concluded that netting and bolting of deer constitutes unnecessary cruelty... because deer are "flighty" animals, the netting process alone causes undue stress and panic. ."

Please do consider these expert opinions and the outrage of many citizens within your community as well as the entire state..

Sincerely
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