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To Cayuga Heights Trustees:

I a tax paying member of the Cayuga Heights community am concerned that the major purpose of the DRAC group is to bait and cull. I strongly object to using tax payer monies for this without permission of those of us who have paid taxes – some of us for close to 30 years.

Furthermore, I want to reiterate how much I abhor violence of any kind in our peace loving community. Many of us pay taxes here to live in a quiet, safe, friendly environment.

I want to impress upon the trustees once more that baiting and culling is an extremely cruel concept for a community to condone. A number of us feel this approach is barbaric.

In another time and another era, I grew up on rural farmland, where deer hunting was acceptable but where hunters were required to be sportsman. Baiting was against the law, punishable by heavy fines and a complete loss of hunting licenses.

Killing deer is a bloody business and a horrible experience and it would be ghastly to have to be exposed to this. Brutally killing a group of deer while they are feeding suggests we have lost our way as peace loving, responsible guardians of our community.

I have several pictures here taken after a deer culling near Rochester Hills Michigan. These were sent out by a person who objected strongly to this deer baiting and culling there. I would like my assembled colleagues to look at these pictures if they can.

These pictures do not show dead animals but they show where the deer were baited with corn. They show blood on a tree from the deer and they show a bloody trail of a deer trying to escape. Deer do not necessarily die instantly as can be shown by these pictures.

Believe me - these pictures are mild compared to the carnage that will occur in our own community.

In summary, I strongly object to baiting and culling deer. And I object to the idea that the DRAC is unbiased as they tried to claim at the last DRAC meeting.

I am afraid for us all.

Sincerely  
Mary Tabacchi