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Dear Convener,

I am writing to make the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee aware of the Scottish Government's intention to bring forward amendments to ban the use of snares in Scotland at Stage 2 of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill 2023.

This decision follows a review of the welfare and land management implications of the use of snares in Scotland. There will now be a formal consultation on our proposals. The consultation will also seek views on our plans to give limited additional powers to Scottish SPCA inspectors (my letter of 27 June refers).

I attach a link to the [consultation document](#).

Yours Sincerely,

Gillian Martin

