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Dear Convener,

I am writing to make the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee aware that I have considered the licensing proposals put forward for the use of humane cable restraints and can confirm that my amendment at Stage 2 of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill 2023 will be for a full ban on the use of snares and will not include a licensing scheme for any purpose.

This decision has not been taken lightly, however the evidence I have seen demonstrates that the use of any kind of snare has unacceptable risks to animal welfare of both target and non-target species and that there are more humane alternative methods available.

Yours Sincerely

**Gillian Martin**

