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27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Finlay Carson MSP**  
**Convenor of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee**  
The Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh  
EH99 1SP

Dear Convenor,

**Beyond Snares – A new approach using Humane Cable Restraints**

Land Managers believe that, if conventional snares are to be banned, then Humane Cable Restraints (HCRs) should be retained under licence for conservation, mitigating livestock loss and research.

Given there is no possibility of the committee visiting another grouse moor ahead of stage 2, Scotland's Regional Moorland Groups have produced a video that we believe should be considered as substantive evidence by the committee, as it considers the proposal to ban snares. The video transports the committee, via the link below, to see for themselves why HCRs must be retained.

We very much hope the committee will take the time (just 10 minutes) to review this video as evidence.

[View Film Here](#)

This film was produced by Scotland's Regional Moorland Groups and supported by Scottish Land & Estates, Basc Scotland, Scottish Game Keepers Association, Scottish Countryside Alliance, Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust and National Farmers Union of Scotland.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lianne MacLennan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Lianne MacLennan

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**Scotland's Regional Moorland Groups**