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NDP Want to Ban Animal Use

Dear Friend,

As I sat in the House of Commons, I could not believe the lack of common sense coming from the New Democrats. The New Democrat Party wants to give animals the same rights as humans.

I know this might be hard to believe, but here is what two NDP MPs actually said: on October 27, 2014 in the House of Commons, Jean Crowder, the New Democrat for Nanaimo-Cowichan, said that she supports legislation in which "animals would be considered people and not just property." Francoise Boivin, the New Democrat for Gatineau, Quebec, followed Crowder with an equally outrageous statement: she said animals should be treated with "the same protection that we afford to children and people with mental or physical disabilities."

Canada is a world-leader in humane trapping standards and medical research using animals. We have made substantial investments in wildlife management and sustainable fisheries, and our Government supports and respects our hunting, trapping, and angling way of life. The New Democrats' and Liberals' support for giving animals the same rights as humans would effectively end animal use in Canada.

You may recall that in 2001 the Liberals attempted to bring in backdoor legislation that would have given animals the same rights as people (Bill C-15B). Now it seems the New Democrats support bringing back that same egregious policy, and we need to stop them.

The New Democrats' policy proposals would fundamentally end most animal use and seriously damage our agricultural, hunting, trapping, fishing, and sealing communities. Furthermore, what would Canada do without our world-leading medical research? As we all know, animal rights campaigns have devastated many poor rural communities. The devastations reeked on our sealing communities is a particularly egregious example. These are just a few of the ramifications of the NDP's proposed policies surrounding animal use.

This is terrible economic policy, poor agricultural policy, and unacceptable health policy. As a biologist, hunter, and angler who represents an agricultural community, I am strongly opposed to what the NDP is proposing. I would like your feedback on what the NDP is proposing.

Sincerely,

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