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Scottish Rural and Environment Directorate
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Dear Minister

We, the signatories to this letter, believe this is an appropriate time to reinforce our position in relation to the illegal poisoning of wildlife in Scotland. As you know, the Scottish Estates Business Group and the Scottish Rural Property and Business Association have repeatedly condemned such incidents. However, we have now taken the view that the efforts being made by many rural interests to tackle wildlife crime will be further assisted by individual estates stating unequivocally their condemnation of illegal poisoning. We do not presume guilt nor refer to any particular incident, but the apparent deliberate poisoning of protected species in recent years has left us utterly dismayed.

It is widely recognised that wildlife management is a complex business that continually throws up new challenges but nothing can justify illegal activity. It is for us a straightforward decision to underline our view of illegal poisoning. Frankly, we condemn it out of hand and it has to stop.

Those of us who live and work in the Scottish countryside are appalled by such behaviour. The only thing that is achieved by such acts is the undermining of the excellent work that is done day in, day out on Scottish estates by owners, land managers and gamekeepers in terms of animal welfare and conservation of Scotland's natural heritage.

The message must go out to the people who indulge in such criminal behaviour that what they do is totally unacceptable to the overwhelming majority who have the true interests of the countryside at heart. We will continue to do everything we can to ensure that message is conveyed across the land management sector. We also support the full weight of the law being brought to bear on those who are involved in illegal poisoning and endorse the efforts of the Partnership for Action against Wildlife Crime, in which our representative organisations are active and enthusiastic participants.

We hope this letter will be useful to the Scottish Government as it continues to address the issue of wildlife crime and any of us would be willing to discuss this further with you if you felt it would help. We do propose to make the contents of this letter public and will be issuing a media statement.

Yours sincerely

SURNAME/ESTATE NAME	FORENAME	LAND HOLDING DETAIL
Lord Aberdeen		Haddo Estate, Ellon
The Earl of Aboyne		Aboyne Estate, Aboyne
Adamson	James	Careston Castle, Brechin
Ailsa 1983 Trust		Culzean Estate, Maybole
Ailsa Continuing Trust		Cassillis Estate, Maybole
Aldridge	Michael	Drummond Estates, Muthill
Al Fayed	M, Mr	Balnagown Estate, Kildary
Allingham	David	Gualin Estate, Lairg
Anthony	Paul	Mid Bellandy Estate, Glenrinnies
Arbuthnott	J K O	Arbuthnott Home Farm, Laurencekirk
The Duke of Argyll		Argyll Estates
Astor	Philip, The Hon	Tillypronie Estate, Aberdeenshire
Bailey	Alan	Spital Tower, nr Denholm
Baillie	Alex	Dochfour Estate, Inverness
Lord Balneil		Balcarres Estate, Fife
Barbour	Andrew	Bonskeid Estate, Pitlochry
Barlow	N R D	The Park, Earlston
Bartlett	Dick	Grouse moor operator in Grampian/Highlands
Beamish	Victor	Moy Estate
Benson	Patrick	Old Parr House, Minto, Denholm
Billett	J	Kintradwell Estate, by Brora
Blackett	Simon	Invercauld Estates, Braemar
Blackhills Estate		Elgin
Boileau	Nick	Hope Estate, Lairg
Borwick	Luke	Blair Estate, Dalry
Brodie	Ewen	Lethen Estate, Nairn
Brough	Andrew	Bowhill Estate, Selkirk
Bruce	John	Balmanno Estate, Bridge of Earn
Bruce	Michael	Glen Tanar Estate, Aboyne
The Duke of Buccleuch	Richard	Buccleuch Estates
Buchanan	Robin	Dalcross Estate, Croy
Burge	Oliver & Hugo	Marchmont Estate, Greenlaw
Burnett	James	Leys Estate, Kincardineshire
Butter	Charles	Pitlochry Estate Trust, Perthshire
Buxton	Andrew	Drumcluan, Kincaig
Cadzow	Morag	Muirend Farm, Broxburn
Cameron	Donald	Lochiel Estates, Achnacarry
Campbell	Pete	Balblair, Bonar Bridge
Campbell Fraser	Patrick	Borthwickshiels
Cattanach	Thomas	Newton Farm, Garmouth
Cayzer	Nigel	Kinburnie Estate, Blairgowrie
Chapman	Gavin	Kinloch Estate, St Fergus
Cheape	A G B	Strathtyrum and Fossoway Farms
Christie	Rod	Cotts Farm, Elgin
Clark	James, Mr & Mrs	Eriboll Estate, Sutherland
Lord Clydesdale	Alexander	Hamilton & Kinneil Estates

Coltman	Mary	Haystoun, Peebles
Cranstoun	David	Corehouse Estate, Lanark
Crombie	Ian F & Evelyn	Over Rankeilour Farms, Cupar
Crow	Angus	Glenlethnot Estate, Angus Glens
Lord Dalhousie		Dalhousie Estates, Brechin
Lord Dalmeny		Dalmeny Estates, South Queensferry
Dalrymple	The Hon David	Cranstoun Estate, Pathhead
Dalton	Patrick & Gillian	Milrighall, by Selkirk
de Klee	Richard	Auchnacraig, Isle of Mull
De Sales La Terriere	Ian C, Capt	Dunalastair Estate, by Pitlochry
de Vink	Peter H J	Huntly Cot, Temple
Delap	Anastasia D, The Hon Mrs	Achadunan Estate, Cairndow
Dick	James	Andersons Northern, agricultural consultants
Douglas Miller	R P	Horseupcleugh, Duns
Lord Doune		Moray Estates, Berryley
Lord Archibald Ranulph & Lady Amelia Dunbar		Duffus Estate, Elgin
Duncan Millar	James	Remony Estate, Remony
Elliott Lockhart	Richard	Cleghorn, near Lanark
Eyre	Tom	Burnend Farm, Grange
Farquharson	Andrew	Finzean Estate, Banchory
Feilden	Andrew	Ardverikie Estate, Kinlochlaggan
Findlay	James	Whiterow House, Forres
Finegand Estate Ltd		Glenshee, Perthshire
Fleming	George C	Grange of Aberbothrie, Alyth
Forbes-Leith	George I D, Sir	Fyvie Estate, Turriff
Forbes-Leith	John	Dunachton Estate, Kinraig
Lord Forteviot, Alexander & Donryn Dewar		Dupplin Estate, Perthshire
Fotheringham	Thomas Steuart	Murthly & Strathbraan Estates, Murthly
Fraser	Hugh & Ann	Overwells, Jedburgh
Fullarton-Smith	Hugh	European Nature Trust
Fyffe	David	Fetternear, Kamnay
G.B.B Estates Ltd		Inverasdale Estate, Wester Ross
Galbraith	James	Rawflat, Ancrum
Gammell	Jamie	Alrick, Glenisle
Gask Estate, Auchterarder		Gask Estate, Auchterarder
Gibbs	Stephen	Dougarie Estate, Isle of Arran
Gibbs	Joe	Belladrum Estate, Beaully
Gibson	J Mark	Craigengillan Estate, Dalmellington
Gibson CBE	Michael	Edinvale, Dallas
Gilmour	John	Balcormo Mains, Leven
Gilmour	Nicholas	Montrave Estate, Leven
Gilzean	James A	Brahan Estate
Gladstone	Robert	Capenoch Estate, Penpont
Gladstone	Charles	Fasque and Glendye Estates, Kincardineshire
Glenmazeran Estate		
Gordon	Andrew	Lude Estate, Blair Atholl
Gordon	Duncan	Glen Quoich, Highlands
Gordon	Robert & John	Barisdale, Knoydart

Gordon Cumming	Alistair, Sir	Altyre Estate
Gordon-Duff	Alex & Priscilla	Drummuir Castle Estate, Drummuir
Gow	Heather	Strathmore Estate, Altnaharra
Grant	Archibald, Sir	Monymusk Estate, Monymusk
Grant	Johnnie & James	Rothiemurchus Estate, Aviemore
Greenwell	JP & SJ	Oxton Mains Farm, Lauder
Greenwood	James, Mr & Mrs	Lairg Estate, Lairg
Guthrie	John	Rosehaugh Estate, Black Isle
Halcro-Johnston	Hugh	Orphir House, Orkney
The Marquess of Hamilton		Ardchyline and Minto Estates
Harington	Richard	Strathrusdale and Crannich Estate, Easter Ross
Harvey-Miller	Nicholas	Burnfoot, Kippen
Hay	Malcolm	Edinglassie Estate, Glass, Huntly
Hilleary	Ruaraidh	Edinbane Estate
Hingston	Peter & Charlotte	Fairburn Estate, Urray
Houldsworth	David	Dallas Estate, Forres
Howard	Andrew	Little Blervie, Forres
Humphrey	E C M	Dinnet & Kinord Estates, Aboyne
Hunt	Charlotte	Keir Hill, Balfron
Ingall	Jamie	Airds Estate, Mossdale
Ivory	Adrian	Ruthven & Cardean Farms, Wester Cardean
Jeffrey	James R	Halls, Dunbar
Lord Johnstone		Annandale Estates, St Ann's
Lord Joicey		Loch Choire Estate, Ford & Etal Estates
Lord Kennedy		Morrison Farms
Kirkwood	Tim J	CKD Galbraith
Laing	Alasdair	Logie Estates, Forres
Laing	Murdoch	Scardroy
Laird	Simon W D	East Memus, Forfar
Larson	Kurt	Kingairloch Estate, Kingairloch
Lascelles	Margaret A	Straloch, Enochdu
Lewis	PJ	Cotfield, Melrose
Lindsay	Ludovic Broun	Colstoun Estate, Haddington
Lindsay	Miranda	Taymount Estate, Stanley
The Earl of Lindsay		Lahill, Upper Largo
Lister	Paul	Alladale Wilderness Lodge & Reserve, Ardgay
Lithgow	James	Ormsary Estate, Lochgilphead
Lithgow	John	Inver Estate, Isle of Jura
Lockhart	Angus Macdonald	Lee & Carnwath Estates, Shawfield
Marquis of Lothian		Lothian Estates, Jedburgh
Lowes	David	Glenfalloch Estate, Ardlui
Luss Estates Company		Luss Estates, Arnburn
Macdonald	Peter	Waterheads, Eddleston
MacDonnell	Thomas	Glenfeshie Estate, Kincairg
Mack	Rob & Christine	Muirton Mains, Fairburn
Mackenzie	John	Gairloch & Conon Estates, Conon Bridge
Mackenzie Smith	Alex	Newrow Farm, Methven
MacKessack-Leitch	Gavin & Suzanne	Carden, Inchstelly and Rheeves, Moray

Mackintosh	Celia	Moy Estate
Maclay	Angus	Whitelee, St Boswells
MacPherson	Ewen	Attadale Estate, Strathcarron
Macpherson	Gordon	Arinackaig Estate
Macphie	Alastair	Glenbervie Estate, Stonehaven
Macrae	Malcolm	Breckness Estate, Orkney
Maitland	Robin	Land Agent, Strutt & Parker
Maitland-Carew	Gerald, The Hon	Thirlestane Castle, Lauder
Lord Margadale of Islay		Islay Estates Company, Bridgend
Marsham	Charles	Rispond Estate, Durness
Matthews	David	Blackwood Estate, Auldgirth
Maxwell Stuart	Michael	Baitlaws, Biggar
McAdam	Doug	Cuil an Duin, Ballinluig
McKellar	Keith	Hannah Research Institute, Ayr
McMillan Douglas	Angus	nr Forfar
Mickel	Andrew	Mactaggart & Mickel
Molyneux	Mark	Morsgail Estate, Isle of Lewis
Munro	Hector	Foulis Farms, Evanton
Nicol	Malcolm	Ballogie Estate, Aboyne
Nicolson	Mark	Mar Estate, Braemar
Ogilvy	Francis, Sir	Winton House, Pencaitland
Orr-Ewing	Archibald, Sir	Cardross Estate, Port of Monteith
Paterson	Emma, Mrs	Barncroft of Auchlyne, Killin
Pattinson	Mark	Lochcarron Estate, Wester Ross
Payne	James & Margaret	Ardvar Estate, Drumbeg
Pearson	Charles, The Hon	Dunecht Estates, Dunecht
Purdon	Timothy, Colonel	Coatefield House, Wiltshire
Ramsay	W B	Chesthill Estate, Perthshire
Rausing	Sigrid, Dr	Coignafearn Estate, Tomatin
Rausing	Lisbet	Corrour Estate, Fort William
Reid	David & Chrissie	Portmore Estates, Peebles
Riddell	Alastair J	Chesthill Estate, Balintyre
Ross Taylor	Patrick	Littlegill, Biggar
The Duke of Roxburghe		Roxburghe Estate, Kelso
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Salvesen	Andrew	Findrack & Tillyfour Estates, Banchory
Sampson	Thomas Stephen, Cmdr	Mains of Balgavies
Sangster	Alison	Old Hall, Watten
Sangster	Colin	Old Hall, Watten
Schiller	Robert	Craigdarroch, Moniaive
Scobie	Ewen & Jenny	Rhidorroch Estate, Ullapool
Scott	Alexander	Gelston Castle Estate, Castle Douglas
Scott	William Thomas	Meiklewood, Gargunnock
Scott-Plummer	Joe	Mainhouse, Kelso
The Earl of Seafield		Seafield & Strathspey Estates
Seed	David	Cothill Farm, Duns
Shepherd	Christo	Pitmillan, Newburgh
Simpson	Walter	Downhill, Glendevon

Sinclair	Matthew	Knocknalling, St John's Town of Dalry
Skelly	Donna	Grigor & Young
Smith	Philip, The Hon	Coulin Estate, Kinlochewe
Smyly	Robert	Sunderland Hall, Galashiels
Spencer-Nairn	Frank	Culligran Estate, Struy
Spencer-Nairn	Michael	Struy Estate
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Stevenson	Tony	Selkirk
Stevenson	Mike	Fawside, nr Gordon
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Strang Steel	Malcolm	Greenhead of Arnot, Leslie
Strang Steel	Michael	Philiphagh Estate, Selkirk
Viscount Strathallan		Stobhall Estate, Stobhall, Perth
Sumsion	David	Ardkinglas Estate, Cairndow
Sutherland Estates		Sutherland Estates, Golspie
Swanson	Alistair	Tister, Halkirk
Swift	Susie	Kintail House, Inverness
Swift	Chris	South Clunes Farm, Inverness
Sykes	Adrian	Kinloch Estate, Tongue
Teacher	H D, Mr	Fealar Estate
Tennant	Mark	Innes Estate, Elgin
Trotter	Alexander, Major	Mortonhall & Charterhall
Trotter	H P	T/A Printonan Farm
Trotter	J H	Mordington Farm, Berwick upon Tweed
Troughton	Sarah	Atholl Estates, Blair Atholl
Tucker	Daye	Carbeth Home Farm, Balfron
Turnbull	Jonathan Michael	Strone Estate, Cairndow
Urquhart	William Pratesi	Craigston Estate, Turriff
Vestey	James	Ormiston, Hawick
Vestey	James	Benmore Estate, Lairg
Vestey	George	Inchnadamp Estate
Walker	Andrew, Sir	Glenmuick Estate, Ballater
Ward	Dee	Rottal Estate, Angus Glens
Watson	Johnny	Lewinshope
Welbeck Estates		Berriedale, Sutherland
The Earl of Wemyss		Wemyss & March Estates, Longniddry
The Duke of Westminster		Reay Forest Estate, Achfary
Williamson	Jamie	Alvie Estate, Kincaig
Winton	Simon	Dalmunzie Estate, Glenshee
Wolrige-Gordon	Charles	Esslemont Estate, Ellon
Wood	John	Strathmore Estate, Glamis
Wylie Valley Farming Limited		Aberarder Estate, Strathnairn