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Chairman Robert Sweeney,
Environmental Conservation Committee
Legislative Office Building 544
Albany, NY 12248

RE: A923 and A6089

Sent by e-mail: Sweeney@assembly.state.ny.us March 30, 2010

Dear Chairman Sweeney:

The League of Humane Voters® of New York opposes the legislation proposed in Bills A923 and A6089, sponsored by Assemblywoman Francine DeMonte, which are currently before the Environmental Conservation Committee.

These bill would allow the use of snares in trapping. An animal caught in such a device would struggle to escape by instinctively lunging forward, thus tightening the snare and causing its suffocation or loss of consciousness. If the animal recovers from a loss of consciousness, it would repeat the process again and again. If used underwater to trap **beavers it would bring about a slow agonizing death by drowning.**

Either conscious or unconscious, the animal would be unable to fight-off or escape predators.

It is an extremely cruel way to remove animals from an area. The device is not selective as to species, and many unintended species, as well as domestic animals, are subject to torturous destruction by those devices.

We believe we speak on behalf of New Yorkers who feel strongly about the humane treatment of all animals and oppose the legalization of these instruments of wildlife torture.

We ask for your opposition of this ill-conceived legislation.

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Speaker Sheldon Silver,
New York State Assembly
Legislative Office Building 932
Albany, NY 12248

RE: A923 and A6089

Sent by e-mail: Speaker@assembly.state.ny.us March 30, 2010

Dear Speaker Silver:

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Chairman Antoine Thompson, Environmental Conservation Committee

Legislative Office Building 902
Albany, NY 12248

RE: S3542

Sent by e-mail: athompso@senate.state.ny.us March 30, 2010

Dear Chairman Thompson:

The League of Humane Voters® of New York opposes the legislation proposed in Bills S3542 sponsored by Senator Darrel Aubertine, which is currently before the Environmental Conservation Committee.

This bill would allow the use of snares in trapping. An animal caught in such a device would struggle to escape by instinctively lunging forward, thus tightening the snare and causing its suffocation or loss of consciousness. If the animal recovers from a loss of consciousness, it would repeat the process again and again. If used underwater to trap beavers it would bring about a slow agonizing death by drowning.

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**Conference Leader John Sampson,
New York State Senate**
Legislative Office Building 409
Albany, NY 12248

RE: S3542

Sent by e-mail: sampson@senate.state.ny.us March 30, 2010

Dear Conference Leader Sampson:

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