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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

RE: TROPHY HUNTING AND IMPORTS.

Thank you for contacting me recently about trophy hunting and imports; your comments upon which I read with great interest.

I understand your concerns, and I agree that it is important that we protect endangered animals across the world. I am encouraged that the UK Government is committed to conserving the world's wildlife.

Import controls are managed at a European Union-wide level and stricter controls on the import of six species subject to hunting, including lions and African elephants, were introduced in 2015. Following our withdrawal from the European Union, the Government will be in a position to consider future UK policy in this area.

Properly managed, legal and sustainable trophy hunting can play a part in species conservation efforts, providing an important source of funding for conservation in some countries.

As part of its efforts to tackle the illegal wildlife trade, the UK hosted a fourth international conference on the illegal wildlife trade in October 2018, building on previous conferences held in London, Kasane, and Hanoi. It has also set up the £13 million Illegal Wildlife Challenge Fund to support projects in the developing world, and in 2012, funded a conference in Johannesburg to consider the conservation of the African lion with other interested countries.

I hope this comes as some reassurance.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom'.

TOM PURSGLOVE MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
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