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Dear Mrs./Mr.

I am writing to urge you not to support any objection to the important restriction proposal on lead shot in wetlands. The multiple negative impacts of problems caused by the toxicity of lead shot to wildlife, people, in particular children, and livestock have been extensively studied and well evaluated by the European Chemicals Agency.

This long standing problem has a straightforward solution i.e. non-toxic shot which is widely available and comparatively priced. Some Member States have already addressed the poisoning problems caused by lead shot by phasing it out decades ago which proves change is possible. What is lacking is harmonised policy on the issue which this restriction will provide. The restriction is both proportionate and implementable – to suggest otherwise is merely an attempt to block progress on the non-toxic solution.

Delays and diversions have allowed this issue to drag on unnecessarily with the European Parliament marking the final stage. To block support for the restriction proposal would allow a small proportion of EU citizens to continue to pollute our wider environment and endanger the health of all. I urge you to choose health protection and to act on behalf of the many not the few.

Yours sincerely,

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