

Suzanne Scourby

From: barbara specchio [bspecchio@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2011 5:41 PM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Leg Traps

♥ I would like to say that you should find a better way if you feel you must trap. There are the humane traps that will not injure of Mame the animal. If you were put in a leg trap just once I think you would change your ways. The person that sets these traps I wonder how you sleep at night. The animals have rights like we do and they did not ask to put in this situation they are a victim of circumstance. The cage trap does not harm and they can be taken to a place where real people care and will care for them.

Suzanne Scourby

From: Caren Morris [caren@dmorris.com]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 12:25 PM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: trapping id inhumane

I am writing to urge you to do away with trapping.

Caren Morris

Suzanne Scourby

From: Cicely Margo [cicelymargo@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 10:00 AM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Body Gripping Trap Regulation

I would like to voice my opinion that there should be a vote regarding body gripping traps used on animals..

I think some of the regulations should be, but not limited to things such as:

- To make sure TrailSafe supporters and coalition members in both Washoe and Clark County are adequately represented on any working committee.
- There is legislation which regulates use of body-gripping traps because it is common sense for public safety. If persons cannot discharge firearms in Congested Areas, they should not set traps. Traps do not belong in public parks or residential neighborhoods.
- Strongly favor ID or registration on traps so that individual trappers can be held responsible.

Thank you,

Cicely Mendoza

Sparks, NV

Suzanne Scourby

From: Curt [clbaker8@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 9:56 AM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Body-Gripping Trap Regulation

Re: Body Gripping Trap Regulations

Nevada Department of Wildlife & Associates,

I would like to voice my opinion that there should be a vote regarding body gripping traps used on animals and it should be placed on official record..

I think some of the regulations should be, but not limited to things such as:

- To make sure TrailSafe supporters and coalition members in both Washoe and Clark County are adequately represented on any working committee.
- There is legislation which regulates use of body-gripping traps because it is common sense for public safety. If persons cannot discharge firearms in Congested Areas, they should not set traps. Traps do not belong in public parks or residential neighborhoods.
- Strongly favor ID or registration on traps so that individual trappers can be held responsible.

Thank you!

Curt Baker

Spanish Springs, Nv

Suzanne Scourby

From: ferrcatmom@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 11:49 AM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Traps

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Terri Levy and I have been a resident of Reno for 15 years. When I moved here from Mississippi I was expecting a place that was more advanced in it's policies and actions taken towards many things. Sometimes I have been quite impressed and other times I have been mortified, as in the case of the "snap" traps.

Unfortunately I have seen first hand what these traps can do to an innocent animal. I worked at the Animal Emergency Center in Reno for 5 years. There is one incident that will forever stick out in my memory:

We had a lady bring in her dog who had gotten caught in one of these horrific traps. He had gotten in to the neighbor's yard previously and to "teach" the dog not to do that, the neighbor set out 5 traps. Apparently the man didn't have to answer to anyone when doing this because he never would have gotten approval. The owners found the dog still in the trap (after the neighbor went to work), cut it off and sprung the other 4 that they found. The best guess was that the dog had been in the trap roughly 24 hours. It had an open fracture (bone sticking out of the skin) and had started chewing at it's leg trying to free itself. Because of the rust and dirt, infection had already set in. We had to amputate the leg and the dog spent several days on I.V. antibiotics to ward off a system wide infection that would have killed it.

The dog owners were in the wrong. They should have had control of their pet. But there were other ways this could have been handled. The man who set the trap also had horses. They were apparently in a different pasture at the time of the incident but what if someone had let them out? The parties mentioned above live in a populated area near the Harrah's Ranch off Neil Rd. What would our leaders have to say if a neighbor child had gotten caught in that trap?

These traps are barbaric and non-discriminating. If we can build a space station and design GPS systems then we can certainly find better ways to handle the situations where these traps are "so necessary".

Thank you for your time,

Terri Levy

Suzanne Scourby

From: HarveyLogan [harveylogan@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 9:08 AM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: SB 226

To Commissioners:

SB 226 raises concerns within the structural pest control community, specifically Western Exterminator Company. We would very much like to see any regulation dealing with trapping worded such as to exempt structural pest control operators licensed in the State of Nevada. More specifically exemption from trapping regulation when dealing with Rats, mice, voles, moles and gophers. Harvey L. Logan, Regulatory Affairs Representative for Western Exterminator Company

Suzanne Scourby

From: jamesdavis19@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 10:56 AM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: TRAPS/BEAR HUNT



Given your decision to allow bear hunts and now your considering authorizing body gripping traps, I cannot help but wonder whose side you are on; it is certainly not on the side of the animals.

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Suzanne Scourby

From: Jim Hay [nvhays@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 2:12 PM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Animal Trapping

Please forward to put my email on record.

Hello Legislators,

I strongly favor legislation to restrict the use of certain animal traps in the congested areas for the protection of animals from these brutal and cruel traps. To me the restriction of traps is common sense public safety legislation. I strongly endorse State Senator Sheila Leslie who is sponsoring a proposed bill in the Nevada Legislature that will restrict the use of inhumane leg-hold traps in specific areas of Washoe and Clark Counties.

It is my understanding current law does not provide protection for animals. Traps are not required to have any type of identification, so the trapper basically has no responsibility for the injury to wildlife and/or our pets! Pets and unintended animals can experience immense suffering because traps only have to be visited every 96 hours or four days, many traps can go unchecked. The public does not have the right to protect our pets because we are not supposed to disturb these traps.

I want to strongly encourage you to make the right choice in favor of this important legislation for the congested areas of Washoe and Clark Counties.

Please help us gain protection for the pets, wildlife, and people in these congested areas. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely, Jim

Suzanne Scourby

From: Karen Smith [ksmith@4pawsforever.org]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 10:48 AM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Body-Gripping Traps in Washoe & Clark Counties

Dear Commissioners:

I am requesting that this letter be place on the official record as I have some very serious concerns about the traps that have been used where particularly felines have been unfortunately the product of where these traps have been placed. I implore your commission to considered other avenues and have listed some very important points, as well as supporters, that are very workable to help with this issue and the well-being of the innocent:

- Make sure TrailSafe supporters and coalition members in both Washoe and Clark County are adequately represented on any working committee,
- Strongly favor legislation which regulates use of body-gripping traps because it is common sense for public safety. If persons cannot discharge firearms in Congested Areas, they should not set traps. Traps do not belong in public parks or residential neighborhoods.
- Strongly favor ID or registration on traps so that individual trappers can be held responsible.
- Share your trap horror stories, including pictures if available.
- Request that the permit process be more restrictive. The permit process currently allows anyone whatsoever to set a trap anywhere anytime.
- Use the many existing humane, non-lethal co-existence strategies to deal with predators and nuisance animals. The day for barbaric body-gripping traps is long past.
- Nevada's wildlife belongs to all of us. Why is it being "managed" by a select few?
- Current support includes Nevada Humane Society, Humane Society of the U.S., Washoe County Regional Animal Services, Las Vegas Valley Humane Society, SPCA of Northern Nevada, ASPCA, Best Friends, Born Free USA, Washoe County Commissioner Kitty Jung, Sparks Mayor Geno Martini, Sparks Parks and Recreation, Dr. Stacey Baker DVM , Dr. Maureen Adams DVM, Green Party of Nevada, U.S. Wolf Refuge, Lake Tahoe Wolf Rescue, Tahoe WARF, Feline Rescue of Northern Nevada, Indiana Coyote Rescue Center , Project Coyote, Wild Earth Guardians, Pet Chef, Alley Cat Allies, No Bear Hunt Nevada, Footloose Montana, Trapfree Oregon, Animal Law Coalition, Animal Welfare Institute, Paw Pac, Humane Society Legislative Fund, Nevada Voters for Animals, Politics for Animals and hundreds of animal lovers throughout the state.

Thanks so much for your time in helping to protect animals from cruel trapping!

4 Paws Forever

Suzanne Scourby

From: Kathryn Brewer [namaste003@aim.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2011 7:14 PM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Trapping

I thought trapping was a way of survival for pioneers in the 1800's. Now what on earth would anyone in the US in the 21st century be trapping for? I want you to convince me there is a use for such barbarian activities.

K Brewer

Suzanne Scourby

From: Kathy Parker [2maggies@att.net]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 10:04 AM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Body- gripping traps

To all at the Wildlife Commission,

I am asking that you place my e-mail on the official record.

I cannot support the use of body-gripping traps in Congested Areas. This is very unsafe for humans and non target animals alike.

These traps are barbaric and I support the use of non-lethal methods to deal with predators and nuisance animals.

I understand that at the Commission meeting on Sept. 23rd. there will be discussion of who will be on the working committee that develops regulations.

Some of the members of this committee definitely need to be supporters of TrailSafe to adequately represent all sides of the issue.

Please take into consideration all of the organizations and people who want to protect animals from cruel trapping.

Thank you,
Kathy Parker

Suzanne Scourby

From: Kirk & Debbie Tayler [kirk.debbie.tayler@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 6:38 PM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Regulate Use of Body-Gripping Traps in Congested Areas

Dear Wildlife Commissioners -

Please consider my opinions listed below, when the above issue comes before you:

Please make sure TrailSafe supporters and coalition members in both Washoe and Clark County are adequately represented on any working committee.

Strongly favor legislation which regulates use of body-gripping traps because it is common sense for public safety. If persons cannot discharge firearms in Congested Areas, they should not set traps. Traps do not belong in public parks or residential neighborhoods.

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Thank you for your help in this matter.

Debbie Tayler
Reno, Nevada

Suzanne Scourby

From: KLottaLegs@aol.com
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 12:45 PM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Please include this in the official records for the September 23, 2011 meeting

Hi there -

I believe you would agree that Nevada's wildlife belongs to all of us. So my question is why is it currently being represented by a select few, most of whom are hunters/trappers? There are many organizations and residents who would like to be included in the decision-making process from both Washoe and Clark Counties. At this time those folks are inadequately represented on any working committee.

Secondly, I and many others strongly favor legislation which regulates the use of body-gripping traps. These are dangerous weapons and need to not be set in populated areas. If people can't shoot guns, why should we have to watch out for traps in our own neighborhoods or public parks? I have a nice open area in back of my property in Sparks and I'm terrified to take my animals there for fear of them getting stuck in a trap.

My understanding is that traps are still legal within the city limits of Reno and Sparks? This is a scary situation for our children and pets. I don't know what I'd do if my grandchildren or pets became victims to one of these barbaric devices. I'm not strong enough to release them and help might not arrive timely enough to save life and limb.

At the least, can we require by a strictly enforced law that any trap has the trapper's name/ID number on it and have a registration process for the traps? We need some accountability!!

I know there are many humane, non-lethal strategies available to deal with predators and nuisance animals. I sure wish our Department of Wildlife would encourage folks to use them.

Thanks for listening and entering my requests into the official records for Friday's meeting.

Karen Jackson
3695 MacArthur Street
Sparks, NV 89431

Suzanne Scourby

From: ksimmonsathome@cs.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 9:50 AM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: No, to traps in Nevada

To Whom It May Concern:

Please enter this into the record.

I cannot believe we are still using these barbaric traps. These should be outlawed asap, and other means should be used. To create suffering, for any animal has not place in a civilized world. I know of someone whose precious family dog was caught in one of these, and lost his paw. It would be like burring land mines, and hoping only the enemy steps on them.

This is an unacceptable solution, and creates more problems that it solves. It is most cowardly to set a trap, hope the "intended" animal steps into, and then has to suffer, unless it mercifully dies, before a bullet is put in it.

Please let Nevada become part of the solution, and be good stewards of our lands.

Thank you.

Kat Simmons

Suzanne Scourby

From: Linda Olson [Linda.Olson@cbselectre.com]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 2:57 PM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: FW: Body- Gripping Traps

Second try at transmitting.

From: Linda Olson [Linda.Olson@cbselectre.com]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 2:48 PM
To: sscourby@ndow.org
Cc: lindaolson@charter.net
Subject: Body- Gripping Traps

To All Wildlife Commissioners:

I strongly favor legislation which regulates the use of body-gripping traps. I don't believe that they belong in public parks or residential neighborhoods. It does not make sense that traps are being set in these congested areas, even tho firearms cannot be discharged.

Also, I believe that registration or ID should be on these traps so that the individual trappers can be held responsible.

Further, please be more restrictive as to who and where these traps may be set.

I believe there are many humane and non-lethal coexistence strategies that can be used to deal with nuisance animals and predators.

Please pass strict legislation to regulate the use of these inhumane body-gripping traps.

Thank you for considering my thoughts and requests. Please place them in the official records.

Blessings to you all and thank you for your sincere service.

Linda Olson
775 843-0278

Suzanne Scourby

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Suzanne Scourby

From: Lucy Tremayne [redcloud@charter.net]
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 7:42 PM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Grist 092311
Attachments: Grist 092311.docx

The attached document is to contribute to one of the items on the agenda of the 092311 NDOW meeting. See you there!

Many thanks,

Lucy Tremayne

Suzanne Scourby

From: MARIA ZUVER [mariazuver@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2011 12:01 PM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Agenda for September

Please add to your agenda a thorough discussion concerning the hazards of body gripping traps in congested county areas in the state of Nevada..Safer, more humane alternatives are available...the use of traps indiscriminately placed by anyone, anywhere is a public safety issue, at the least.

Advance the thinking and technology to keep pace with the times and the politically correct mode of action.

Sincerely

Maria McEachin
mariazuver@sbcglobal.net

Suzanne Scourby

From: Mark Smith [marksmith227@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2011 9:19 PM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Leghold Trap rules

Please copy this to the members of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners,

Dear Commissioners,

I oppose the use of leghold traps in any area where hikers or domestic animals can become entrapped by them. Please restrict their use accordingly.

Please enter my comments into the public record.

Mark E. Smith

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Skpe: mes227

Pense antes de imprimir

Suzanne Scourby

From: Peter Ross [tyg657bgt@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 2:30 PM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Ban the Traps

Traps do not belong in our residential areas, nor in our parks.

As commissioners it is your obligation to do right.....ban these inhumane traps once and for all.

Suzanne Scourby

From: Robin Wolf [rseawolf@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 10:05 AM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Trapping.

I am against trapping. It is cruel and inhumane. Please use my vote to help stop it. Robin Wolf
323-2332-144

Suzanne Scourby

From: Ruby Schwerin [ruby@didsigns.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 10:20 AM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Limit Trapping in Conjested Areas

Importance: High

Dear Commissioners,

This is to appeal to you to make good, conscious decisions in the matter of eliminating or restricting cruel, barbaric trapping measures within Washoe and Clark Counties. Please listen to the vast majority of Nevada residents who demand that this practice be removed from populated areas (if not all together, but yeah, fat chance of that).

Thank you in advance for considering and reacting positively to the majority opinion of residents on this matter.

Ruby Schwerin
Account Executive
Distinction in Design
775.232.3884 cell



A Note from our General Manager: We take our relationship with you, our customer, very seriously and value your feedback, comments and ideas. If you have any feedback about your latest interaction with our team or about DID in general, please let me know. My contact info is Wayne Hoff - General Manager, wayne@didsigns.com

Suzanne Scourby

From: sea4louise@aol.com
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2011 2:31 PM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Sept 23-Wildlife Commission meeting

Hello

Regarding the decisions to be made on the issue of steel-hold traps for animals in congested areas, I am writing to ask that Trail Safe supporters and coalition members in Washoe and Clark counties be adequately represented on any of your working committees. I strongly favor legislation regulating these traps due to public and animal safety concerns. We are only requesting regulations for Congested Areas of our two large counties, not for rural areas. Since people cannot discharge firearms in Congested Areas, why should they be allowed to set traps, particularly in public parks and residential neighborhoods? Let's not wait until another animal is injured or perhaps a child next time.

Please place my letter on your official record. I appreciate your consideration and assistance with these issues.

Sincerely,
Louise Rodgers

Suzanne Scourby

From: Sharon Tetly [sharontetly@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 10:59 AM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Use of body-gripping traps in Washoe County

To the Wildlife Commission:

Please place this on the public record and forward it to all members of the Wildlife Commission.

This letter is written in support of reducing or eliminating the use of body-gripping traps in Washoe County, particularly in congested areas such as public parks, residential neighborhoods, or near public trails.

Body-gripping traps are cruel and inhumanely painful, and there are many humane ways in existence at this point to deal with predators and nuisance animals besides these traps. Animals caught in them can be there for days. If someone was caught doing this to their own domestic animals, the public outcry would be deafening. Pain is pain. It isn't any different for wild animals than it would be for your own.

There is also the issue of children and domestic animals triggering one of these traps by accident and being killed or permanently mutilated.

I also think if we are going to continue to allow these types of traps at all, there should be a permit process that is restrictive and holds the trappers accountable through a means to identify them, and that these records should be in the public domain so if a trap is found near a public area, or a trap is found with an animal in it that has obviously been there suffering for days, anyone can look the information up directly and report that trapper to the authorities.

I would ask that you make Trail Safe supporters and coalition members from both Washoe and Clark Counties a part of any working committee to ensure a balanced and fair approach to dealing with problems like this. They represent a large constituency in Nevada. We have made a monthly contribution to the Nevada Humane Society through all the years we have lived in this area. We along with all the others who support our local organizations that care for animals have a right to representation on this.

Current support, I understand includes the Nevada Humane Society, Humane Society of the U.S., Washoe County Regional Animal Services, Las Vegas Valley Humane Society, SPCA of Northern Nevada, ASPCA, Best Friends, Born Free USA, Washoe County Commissioner Kitty Jung, Sparks Mayor Geno Martini, Sparks Parks and Recreation, Dr. Stacey Baker DVM, Dr. Maureen Adams DVM, Green Party of Nevada, U.S. Wolf Refuge, Lake Tahoe Wolf Rescue, Tahoe WARF, Feline Rescue of Northern Nevada, Indiana Coyote Rescue Center, Project Coyote, Wild Earth Guardians, Pet Chef, Alley Cat Allies, No Bear Hunt Nevada, Footloose Montana, Trapfree Oregon, Animal Law Coalition, Animal Welfare Institute, Paw Pac, Humane Society Legislative Fund, Nevada Voters for Animals, Politics for Animals and hundreds of animal lovers throughout the state.

You need to listen.

Sharon Tetly and Craig Bailey
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craig55@charter.net

Suzanne Scourby

From: Shiomha@aol.com
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 12:46 PM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Comment on Body-gripping traps.

Dear Commissioners:

I can not attend the September 23 meeting so I am emailing my thoughts on body-gripping traps. I agree with the following two points made by the Nevada Humane Society:

- Strongly favor legislation which regulates use of body-gripping traps because it is common sense for public safety. If persons cannot discharge firearms in Congested Areas, they should not set traps. Traps do not belong in public parks or residential neighborhoods.
- Strongly favor ID or registration on traps so that individual trappers can be held responsible.

I had thought that these two measures of safety had already been decided. It is dangerous to have trapping in parks where young children often play hide and seek in the weeds and other places adults rarely go. If you do allow it then the person should be required to stay and monitor the traps not leave them and come back to check multiple hours later.

All traps should bear Identification tags and law enforcement should have the right to remove unlabeled traps or traps placed illegally without prior notification to the owner because it can help punish poaching of another's work and theft of traps; it can help identify someone who is trapping or mistakenly trapping in an illegal zone; protects the public by discouraging violation of the trapping rules since your name will be attached to the error; and by allowing law enforcement ease of removing improperly placed traps or unregistered traps you keep the public safe and punishes those who break the law without costly procedures.

I would recommend that the notification of removal and confiscation of traps consist of a flag (like a sprinkler marker flag) imprinted with the contact number of the law enforcement agency be left in place of a labeled trap that is improperly placed and no notice be required if the trap is unlabeled as it can not be returned to the owner since anyone could claim it.

Penalties for improperly placed but labeled traps should consist of 1 warning which requires the person to come to claim the trap, read the regulations, and sign a statement of understanding and commitment to compliance (anyone can make one mistake.). Second misplacement of traps should be a fine of at least \$500 per trap. Third misplacement should be loss of license for 3 years. A second loss of license should become permanent as you have demonstrated six times that you have an inability to maintain public safety (six may seem a lot, but in three years a lot may have changed as to where the legal trapping zones are or how they are defined.). Placing of unlabeled traps should be a fine of \$500 per trap and follow the procedures on a label trap which means each offense adds the cost of \$500 per trap to the penalties given for misplacing a labeled trap. If it was properly placed and simply unlabeled you would owe \$500 per trap with no further penalty.

Thank you for considering these ideas.

Carol King
303 East Emerson Way
Sparks, Nevada 89431

Suzanne Scourby

From: Tina Cook [teenareno@att.net]
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 3:27 PM
To: Suzanne Scourby

I would like to say that as a feral care taker and pet owner our pets can be caught in these traps and be severely injured, sometimes lose a limb or worse bleed to death and die. They are inhumane and they should be banned and replaced with non-lethal forms of trapping. I have trapped over 200 cats myself using humane traps which cause no harm to these animals, it sickens me when people are so barbaric and don't think of the consequences their actions may have on innocent lives. If a child or a person stepped on one of those traps it would be horrific, it should be no different for an animal. The only difference is we are their voices because they cannot be heard but when they are screaming out in agony because they are so hurt by the carelessness of a human being.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Tina Cook
teenareno@att.net

Dear Commissioners, regarding wildlife management, some of my views appear below:

- Traps should not be deployed in congested areas any more than potentially damage-/death-dealing firearms are.
- Traps should be linked to a user in the awareness of State officials, i.e., have IDs. This will lessen the State's burden of oversight because trap operators will know they are not anonymous; therefore they'll be more likely to properly self-regulate—just as with gun or automobile usage.
- To rid oneself of a predatory nuisance, e.g., that of coyotes, strategies more humane than traps can be used, for example, proactive behavior, such as keeping pet food and garbage inaccessible, or anti-jump roller bars atop fences, which devices prevent the cull-thwarting, sudden rise in coyote birth rate following concerted killings by humans that is sometimes the reaction to coyotes' penetration of paddocks. This part of wildlife management should be the required first recourse, before traps are sanctioned.
- This voter-taxpayer prefers, for her appointed as well as elected officials, persons who don't tolerate cruelty. Often the easier path does not hold the exclusion of cruelty as a requirement, while more resources, including inventive thinking, are needed for solutions that bring efficacy that is at the same time uncruel. I'm a big fan of fine minds that can solve problems at this higher standard. A properly composed committee to write trap regulations for congested areas should be made up of members who bring the necessary qualities—field knowledge, compassion, fiscal responsibility—and are therefore able to impressively achieve what others thought impossible. For example, I think any group that meets to write trap regulations as mandated by SB226 should include TrailSafe representatives as one of the core components. The distinctive State of Nevada, with its peculiar assortment of challenges, can settle for no less.

Many thanks for your past and present service to the public.