

Hello,

As a Rhodes Scholar studying Zoology at the University of Oxford, and as a wildlife-loving conservation scientist, I am writing to affirm that there are times when lethal control is a necessary tool and to remove it as an option can cause great harm for biodiversity.

To Whom It May Concern:

I encourage the Board of Supervisors to NOT terminate their contract with the professionals at the USDA Wildlife Services Program. The presentation prepared for the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting does not provide any background related to the reasons for proposing the cancellation of the USDA Wildlife Services. The presentation only focuses on the concept of the consolidation of Animal Control and Animal Care Services as well as the expansion within this consolidation to provide a limited scope of wildlife exclusionary work. The officers of the Wildlife Services Program are vital and cannot be undervalued!

Sincerely,  
Mary Kearney