

The Honorable <First Name> <Last Name>
The United States Senate
<Address>
District of Columbia

Dear Senator <Last Name>:

The conservation community faces a serious challenge today. President Obama's nominee to head the powerful Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Harvard Law Professor Cass Sunstein, has a record of extreme animal rights advocacy and anti-hunting views.

Mr. Sunstein claims that, "*we might ban hunting altogether, at least if it's sole purpose is human recreation.*" He has also indicated support for allowing lawsuits on behalf of animals, a right currently only extended to human beings.

As a part of the federal budget office, the OIRA has extensive authority to block rules, including those that protect hunting and conservation. Mr. Sunstein's views, especially those highlighted above, raise serious concerns about the agenda Mr. Sunstein will carry with him into this position if he is confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

At a time of economic uncertainty and stretched financial resources, America's conservation community can ill afford the damage that could be wreaked by an animal rights activist sitting in a position of such influence over public policy.

It is important to note that the American public supports regulated hunting. It is the cornerstone of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. This model, the envy of the world, has seen wildlife populations rebound and explode all over the country as a result of the billions of dollars invested in professional wildlife management over the last 100 plus years.

As leaders in the nation's conservation movement, the undersigned groups are calling upon the U.S. Senate to reject the nomination of Cass Sunstein to serve as the head of the OIRA.

Conservation Force
Dallas Safari Club
Fur Takers of America
Houston Safari Club
Masters of Foxhounds Association of North America
Mule Deer Foundation
National Shooting Sports Foundation
National Trappers' Association
National Wild Turkey Federation
Pope and Young Club
Shikar Safari Club
Texas Wildlife Association
U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance
Whitetails Unlimited, Inc.
Wild Sheep Foundation