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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT FOR S4253B/A9775

Provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to organize, sponsor, conduct, promote, or participate in any contest, competition, tournament or derby where the objective of such contest or competition is to take wildlife.

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Although hunters claim, for example at <https://www.facebook.com/NYStrappersAssociation/>, that this law would impact fishing derbies or big game hunting, it clearly isn't the case.

The League of Humane Voters® of NY believes this law is long overdue. Killing contests are out of touch with the fact that the general public finds them appalling as they incentivize killing animals for prizes or titles. Moreover, consequences for the ecological community have not been thoroughly explored.

Killing contests give children a disturbing message that wild animals can be killed for fun at a time when the society has evolved toward treating wild animals respectfully and humanely.

**THE LEAGUE OF HUMANE VOTERS® OF NEW YORK
STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS BILL.**

Sincerely,

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