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The Home Secretary,  
The Home Office,  
Marsham Street,  
London

Dear Home Secretary,

I understand that on 29th of July 2016 Natural England issued a licence to allow the killing of up to 10 buzzards "to prevent serious damage to young pheasants."

I wish to lodge a protest against the granting of this licence to kill native wild birds simply to allow someone to maximise the number of tame, non-native pheasants they breed to release to be killed by recreational shooters.

I presume the license has been granted to a gamekeeper. Most 'keepers protect young pheasants by raising them in enclosed pens which predators have no access to. The fact that only one license has been granted in the whole of England and Wales strongly indicates that the problem here is not uniquely clever buzzards but an unusually useless gamekeeper.

I urge you to look into this matter with a view to having this license rescinded and ensuring that no further licenses be granted for this purpose.

Yours faithfully,

John F. Robins,

Secretary to Animal Concern