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Clifton Deer Sterilization Working Group
Attn: Bob Rack
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Re: White-Tailed Deer Fertility Control Project

Dear Sterilization Working Group:

As we discussed, I am the Senior Director of the Innovative Wildlife Management & Services Program of The Humane Society of the United States (The HSUS). I am based in Gaithersburg, MD where I lead a team responsible for identifying, developing and implementing technical and direct assistance and response programs that promote humane, innovative and sustainable wildlife management policies, practices and procedures. In addition to my role at The HSUS, I also serve as a Commissioner on the Maryland Wildlife Advisory Commission.

The HSUS is committed to animal protection and we believe in the need to create lasting, humane, and environmentally responsible solutions to conflicts with wild animals. We seek to work in a positive manner with government agencies, communities and municipalities to provide guidance and assistance with respect to decisions concerning humane alternatives to lethal deer management programs.

I want to congratulate you and the Cincinnati Parks Department on your decision to develop a non-lethal deer population control pilot program in several of Cincinnati's parks. I understand that the Working Group is proposing the surgical sterilization of female deer. Since one of our program's major priorities is advancing the use of effective, humane fertility control methods for managing wildlife populations in a variety of different settings and landscapes, we strongly support the Working Group's proposal. Fertility control can be, over the long term, an effective and publicly acceptable way to deal with urban deer problems¹ and several recent research projects have shown that surgical sterilization is 100% effective and can be used as a humane approach for managing deer populations in urban landscapes.

¹ <http://www.humanesociety.org/news/magazines/2014/05-06/out-of-season-alternatives-to-deer-culls.html>

The HSUS is currently working with several federal and state agencies, as well as communities and municipalities, to develop and implement wildlife fertility control projects and would welcome the opportunity to partner with the Working Group and the City of Cincinnati on this sterilization project. I wish you success and look forward to hearing from you. I can be reached by telephone at 301-258-3147, or email sboyles@humanesociety.org.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie L. Boyles Griffin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Stephanie L. Boyles Griffin, Senior Director
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