



13th July, 2015

The Right Honourable David Cameron MP 10 Downing Street London SW1A 2AA

Dear Prime Minister,

## Re: Fox Hunting Bill Amendment - Wednesday July 15th

We are 'One JAIN', an alliance of Jain Organisations in the UK whose collective membership is in excess of 20,000. We wish to lodge a strong protest to proposed amendment to Hunting Act.

On Wednesday 15 July the Government is planning a vote to amend the Hunting Act. That means it could once again become legal to hunt wild animals in England and Wales and allow dogs to rip them apart.

An overwhelming majority of the public are opposed to a return to hunting with dogs. An Ipsos MORI poll in December 2013 showed that 80 per cent of the British public think that fox hunting should not be made legal again; 85 per cent think deer hunting should not be made legal again; and 87 per cent think hare hunting/coursing should not be made legal again. There is no evidence that foxes cause economically significant damage to farming interests. Studies have, for example, shown that lamb mortality due to foxes is so low as to be considered insignificant.

Scientific studies have shown that hunting or culling has no significant effect on fox numbers. People who follow hunts know this. Most people 'ride to hounds' because they enjoy it, not because they feel the desperate need to control fox numbers.

I urge you to keep this barbaric sport consigned to the history books.

Yours Sincerely

For and on behalf of 'One JAIN'

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