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I support HCR60.

1). Hiking has become a very dangerous activity due to the threat of hunting dogs on the loose, or possible weapons or traps as well, and it is not an activity I would encourage to anyone to do, now knowing the dangers that exists. I love dogs, but to encounter a pack of hunting dogs would be very frightening, neither would being agonizingly caught in a trap be inviting.

2). Further, upon seeing a video of a group of hunting dogs mercilessly biting into a boar, and hearing the unceasing screams of the boar, and seeing the suffering on the face of the boar, I was appalled that such suffering is allowed. The scene was so horrifying, I was unable to watch for very long. This is so indecent, unfair and wrong! No animal or living being should suffer like that. If more of the public were to witness the suffering and terror being inflicted on these sentient beings, it would come to an end, because I believe people have more heart than to say okay to something so obviously merciless and unjust. I am appalled that there are no laws to protect boars from such suffering. Please put an end to this cruel practice just as fox hunting ended in England due to its horrific cruelty. Life is not just about getting ahead in life, it means to make effort to be kind and helpful, and good to the animals and the planet. Please watch the video, and you will be impacted by the BOAR'S FACE OF SUFFERING. Neither you nor I would want to endure such kind of suffering and yet it is allowed on the most defenseless, innocent, voiceless. No good person will condone this kind of brutality on a living being. The city could also help by beginning food programs for those who have needed to eat by hunting. They would not have to resort to hunting if they had enough nourishing food to eat.
[DOG AND KNIFE BOAR HUNTING IN OAHU, HAWAII](#)

3). The highest and best use of funds will be to seek out humane solutions to these issues. Allowing the suffering of feral animals and to fund the suffering of feral animals is very cruel and would only reflect the moral condition of a people, not any reflection on the animals. We all know Ghandi's words, "The greatness of a nation and moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." We are so richly blessed to be living on this most dreamed about paradise in the world by others (I am told by travelers), where we do not freeze in the cold, neither do we burn in the sun. We live in envious ease in an unrivaled melting pot and in the land of the free, the USA. And millions come to seek healing and restoration amidst the magnificent beaches and Aloha spirit, the heartbeat of the islands, that which we take for granted. We live on a part of the planet where even if we are poor, we are still rich with blessings. We must nourish these fragile gifts and not leave the animals out of these blessings. We are a part of nature and nature is a part of us, and we are all caretakers of the land and animals. Cruelty is an opposing force to the spirit of ALOHA and must be dealt with strongly, in every direction it rears its ugly head. Humaneness is the only consistent behavior with the ALOHA spirit.
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