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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT FOR S7550/A8733
Relates to prohibiting the use of leg-gripping traps

Traps are responsible for unimaginable suffering of all animals caught in them, whether they are the intended target or not. Traps are indiscriminate, catching threatened and endangered species, birds, pets, and even people. The leg-hold trap also referred to as a 'restraining trap' is primarily used on foxes, coyotes, raccoons, wolves, lynx and bobcats. Trap lines are placed where animals will be passing through, luring animals with food. The purpose is to catch the animal by the limb to ensure the fur remains intact, while the injuries and excruciating pain endured by the animal is irrelevant.

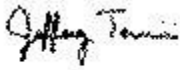
Often called a foothold trap by advocates of the fur trade, the leg-hold is made of a metal foot plate and curved bars, powered by sturdy springs. It is usually anchored into the ground by a short chain and metal spike, or is secured to a tree or large branch. Once triggered, the trap immobilizes the animal, preventing them from eating, protecting their babies, drinking, fending off predators, and sheltering themselves from the elements. Many wild animals become so desperate, they resort to chewing off their limb in order to escape, breaking their teeth and bones in the process.

The animal is terror-stricken while enduring a painful wait until they either die from exhaustion, blood loss, dehydration, hypothermia, or are clubbed, choked or stomped to death by the trapper, so their fur stays undamaged.

Despite being banned by many countries around the world, as well as the states of Florida, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Arizona, the leg-hold trap is still legal in New York. The American Veterinary Association, the American Animal Hospital Association, the World Veterinary Association, the National Animal Control Association, and the Sierra Club all oppose the leg-hold trap.

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

Sincerely,



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