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Message Body:  
Dear Minister,

As an ecology student and member of the farming community, I am very concerned about the review of the Wildlife Act section 40. Hedgerows are an oases in an otherwise green desert. I see the shortening of the closed period for hedge cutting as a major threat to Ireland's already declining biodiversity. Many farmers are not aware of the damage frequent trimming does to the flowering and fruiting potential of the hedge. Damaging this destroys a major food source for pollinators, mammals and birds. The modern farmer's mentality needs to change not the act. I am proud to say that my farming parents were disgusted by the IFA's suggestions with regard to this issue.

Some of us care about birds, please do not forget that!

Regards,

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