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To whom it may concern,

As a farmer, Hunter and avid conservationist I wish to give my opinion on the control of wild birds.

Firstly, from the point of view of a farmer, it is very important that I can control magpies and grey crows year round to protect livestock especially young lambs and calves as well as sick ewes as they peck out their eyes.

As well as this, as we have cattle indoors, I need to be able to shoot most Corvid species particularly rooks, crows and jackdaws as they flick out silage and eat meal as well as excreting on cattle feed.

This year particularly, starlings have caused a lot of problems for me in this regard.

From the point of view of the conservation of wild and released birds, it is imperative that I can shoot and trap magpies and grey crows all through the year as the effect they have on songbirds and game birds alike is terrible. Particularly in recent years where their numbers seem to be ever increasing.

As the national body responsible for conservation I am sure you will be in agreement with me on these points.

Kind Regards,

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A farmer and hunter in the west of Ireland.