Dear Minister Humphreys,

We have been advised that you are currently undertaking a review of the Wildlife Act which sets the times for cutting of hedges and burning of vegetation each year. Currently, the closed dates for cutting hedges are set at 1 March to 31 August, to protect nesting birds. We know that the bird

nesting season is starting earlier each year and birds are nesting beyond the closed period. If the closed dates for our wildlife is not extended or maintained it will have a devastating impact on our already threatened wildlife in this country.

Please take this into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,

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