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Ms. Mollie Beattie
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1849 C Street, NW
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Dear Ms. Beattie:

It has been brought to my attention recently that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service practices a policy of poisoning gulls on Cape Cod with the intention of protecting plover populations. I am writing to express my strong objections to this action.

The poisoning of gulls seems a brutal and ineffective method for protecting plovers from predators. The motivation for such an action is unclear, since plover populations have increased in recent years and gull numbers have declined. Also, gulls are not the sole predators of plovers. In addition to being unnecessary, this practice is cruel.

Again, I state my strong objections to the practice of poisoning gulls on Cape Cod and urge you to reconsider this policy. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,


JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY
Member of Congress

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