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Dear Icelandic Parliamentarians

I am writing in support of the anti-whaling bill which is under consideration.

Whales need protection under wildlife laws. Videos of harpooning whales at sea have proven that it is not possible to maintain animal welfare and kill large whales humanely. The whales suffer and can experience a prolonged death.

Whaling itself is not part of Icelandic heritage and indeed most Icelandic people do not eat whale meat or support whaling.

Whaling in Iceland is now a vanity project for a single wealthy man who runs his whaling operations at a loss no doubt to avoid paying taxes.

The industry has a negative impact on the Icelandic economy and many filmmakers and actors have boycotted Iceland as a film venue.

I myself have visited your country and was mesmerised by its sheer beauty but this beauty is tainted by whaling in your country.

Whales are important to the marine ecosystem as they provide nutrients to support other marine life. They play an important role in the overall health of our oceans and capture carbon from the atmosphere. They are necessary in the fight against climate change as well as being beautiful leviathans of the sea.

I implore you to pass the anti whaling bill and put this heinous industry in the history books where it belongs.

Thank you for your consideration

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