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Dear Mr. Warner,

I am writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our more than 2 million members and supporters to ask you to remove programs that feature hunting and fishing from your Saturday-morning programming schedule, for the animals' sake, certainly, but also for the sake of children and society.

Studies by the FBI and others have shown a [strong link between childhood exposure to violence directed at animals and later violence to humans](#). For example, as a child, serial killer and rapist Ted Bundy witnessed his father's violence toward animals, and he himself subsequently tortured animals.

Children are drawn to animals, but when they watch authority figures who have fun hurting and killing animals, they can become inured to pain, suffering, and death. TV can do something positive by teaching children that animals commonly hunted on land and in the water, even fish, communicate and develop relationships with one another, show affection, and even grieve when their friends and mates die. If people hooked or gunned down cats, dogs, or cows and posed grinning while holding the bodies aloft, they would probably be considered psychopaths, thrown in jail, and charged with cruelty to animals.

Raising a compassionate child—teaching them that might does not make right and that kindness is a virtue—is a challenging task in today's violent world. With that in mind, I hope that you will do your part by removing hunting and fishing shows from weekend morning television.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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