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Dear Convener,

I refer to the letter sent from The Scottish Countryside Alliance to your committee, dated 24th December 2024. In this letter, we requested that consideration was given to a potential committee session that might further scrutinise the licensing process in relation to the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Act 2023.

Since submitting this letter to you, we have had further contact with NatureScot and have been suitably assured that dialogue between NatureScot and our organisation will remain open and fluid. With this in mind, we respectfully withdraw our request for a further committee session surrounding this process and thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely

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