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Mr. Michael O'Sullivan
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Dear Mr. O'Sullivan:

On behalf of the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of March 24 regarding the East coast seal hunt, with which was enclosed a cheque for \$10,000. I regret the delay in replying.

Unfortunately, this office is not able to accept financial contributions; I am, therefore, obliged to return the cheque to you.

Nevertheless, please be assured that your comments, offered on behalf of the Humane Society of Canada, have been carefully reviewed. I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to the Honourable Loyola Hearn, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, within whose responsibilities this matter falls. I am certain that the Minister will give your views every consideration.

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,

P. Monteith
Executive Correspondence Officer

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