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Mr. Murry Milan
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Dear Mr. Milan,

It has recently come to our attention that one of the CPRA's board members, Mr. Cody Cassidy, pleaded guilty to several wildlife poaching related offences in July of 2015.

According to media reports at the time, Mr. Cassidy pleaded guilty to three charges, including hunting without a licence, possession of wildlife and controlled animals, and providing false or misleading information.

The presiding judge at Red Deer Provincial Court cited Mr. Cassidy's *history* of these types of offences, including guiding on private property without permission, failing to post signs in an area of black bear bait, unauthorized hunting and discharging a firearm on private property without permission.

Clearly, these are serious offences for someone in a position of responsibility at the CPRA, who should be held to the highest ethical standards. We find it unacceptable that Mr. Cassidy remains as director on the CPRA board.

The CPRA Animal Welfare Guide states: "The CPRA supports the responsible and humane use of animals and believes that all animals utilized in entertainment, industry and sport should be afforded proper care and management." It is clear that Mr. Cassidy has demonstrated a complete lack of respect for the "proper care and management" of wildlife through his disreputable hunting practices.

We call upon the CPRA to take the appropriate steps to remove Mr. Cassidy from the CPRA board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Debra Probert'.

Debra Probert
Executive Director