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To Whom It May Concern:

I write from my personal experience as a member of the NJ Fish & Game Council for the five years, 2000-2005. To put it simply, I deplore consideration of using the "net-and-bolt" method to kill deer in our municipalities. No civilized community would think that net-and-bolt is a good idea.

Net-and-bolt is used in commercial slaughterhouses where the animals (usually cattle) are herded into a restricted, narrow single lane, unable to wriggle let along struggle. But in the field, at a baited site, a weighted net is dropped onto free roaming deer and hunters hurriedly clamber over to it to shoot retractable bolts into the animals' head. There, the poor creatures do struggle, do scream, and do try mightily to escape their fate. That natural and instinctive activity makes it virtually impossible in many instances for the bolt to be used accurately with a single shot.

Too often the bolt misses the target, followed by second-and third attempts before getting the bolt into the deer. Even then, the head often is missed entirely.

As a Fish & Game Council member, I consistently voted against the use of net-and-bolt.

Certain it is not. Swift, it is not. Humane, it surely is not. In Princeton Township where houses are relatively close and ample hunting distance is not readily available, and where the citizenry raised a loud outcry against shooting there, net-and-bolt was turned to while at the same time keeping the public away from the killing fields.

The US Veterinarians' Association has stated publicly that net-and-bolt is not appropriate for use in the field.

If this loathsome slaughterhouse killing method is employed in any town, it will debase that town and its good people.

Sincerely,  
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