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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Bill # **A 1437** Englebright Same as **S 612** Boyle

Title: Prohibits the hunting or taking of wildlife with the aid of an unmanned aerial vehicle.

Prohibits the use of drones in the hunting and taking of wildlife.

Justification:

The NYSCC supports this proposal. The substitution of technology for basic hunting and fishing skills undermines the fundamental concept of fair chase. The technical resources available to the human hunter must be tempered to insure that they are not substituted for basic skills or constitute an unfair advantage. Doubtful calls go to the animal.

It should be made clear that this prohibition applies not only to direct taking but also includes the use of drones to flush or drive game from prohibited areas into spaces where game may be legally taken.

We also believe that the sponsors of this legislation should consider including a prohibition on the use of drones by non-hunters for the purpose of obstructing or interfering with the lawful hunting or taking by other persons.

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