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To: The Licensing and Standards Committee

ORKIN Canada's Bird and Wildlife division has been following several municipalities decisions to review their policies regarding wildlife issues and the impact wildlife has on their communities.

Although there is no present legislation with regards to licensing technicians who perform this work, we at ORKIN are not opposed to this idea and welcome licensing as this should also include clauses for minimal Insurance coverage as well as consumer protection against the offenders.

As with all aspects of pest control, we are mandated by legislation that will ensure we perform our work to the letter of the law directed by the Ministry of Environment. We are also certain the practices we presently employ controlling wildlife exceed recommendations set out by the MNR. Reputable pest control companies continually update and train their technicians with the latest resources and legislation changes.

At ORKIN Canada we believe that arming technicians with science, wildlife biology, proper tools, and safe work practices, allows them to make informed and humane decisions in the field.

As our communities grow and replace wildlife habitat, so does the possibility of humans coming into conflict with nature. It is better to be prepared with rational, knowledgeable techniques leading to humane resolutions for both the homeowner and animals involved.

In closing we would support the licensing of wildlife operators on a cost recovery basis.

With Regards;
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