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Dear David

Thank you for your letter regarding petition PE1500, which calls for the golden eagle to be named as the national bird of Scotland.

I support the process that was used to select Scotland's national tree and would be content for this same approach to be taken for selecting a national bird, or other symbol.

I wish your Committee well in its consideration of the petition.

Yours sincerely

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