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Dear Ms McArdle,

The Ulster Wildlife Trust welcomes the opportunity to submit written evidence to the Committee, as part of its review of Bovine Tuberculosis. In accordance with your request, we attach a written briefing document, which outlines our thoughts on the aspects upon which the Committee has requested evidence.

In addition to this evidence, we would like the Committee to consider inviting oral evidence from the Ulster Wildlife Trust. We would welcome the opportunity to bring to the Committee one of our Wildlife Trust colleagues, Dr Gordon McGlone, OBE, who is regarded as a UK expert in the matter of bTB, badgers and cattle. Gordon also has been involved in the vaccination trials and as such has a very sound understanding of the most recent developments regarding badger vaccinations, and has indeed been in discussions regarding cattle vaccinations at the EU level.

We would also like to draw to the attention of the committee a seminar that was held in Greenmount on October 25<sup>th</sup> 2011 "*Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) and Wildlife Studies Stakeholder Forum*". This event was really well attended by stakeholders interested in the subject, and the facilitated workshops resulted in some good transparent debates and general agreements on the way forward for eradication of bTB.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to respond to your review.

Best Regards,

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