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I am writing to you our Representatives and Senators to encourage you all to PLEASE, PLEASE support bill LD 1348.

We own Shire Draft horses and for several years now have had constant problems with our next-door neighbors whom are insistent upon shooting off fireworks and guns within 100 yards of our horses.

Terrifying them, sending them into sheer panic, they have broken through their fencing, and gotten loose, they have been and are being driven into a saturating sweat, these horses weigh over 1700 pounds and when they are in a panic it is dangerous, not only for them but for us and everyone else. Even in the barn in their stalls they are panicked and getting them into the barn is dangerous, we can be and have almost been trampled a number of times because of the neighbors shooting off fireworks and guns so close to our horses paddock and barn.

If they get loose and get out into the street or road and traffic, and someone doesn't see them, (they are black) and gets hit, causes an accident, someone gets injured or killed. God forbid.

Where does the liability lay? On the person who was ultimately responsible for the horses being in the road in the first place because they were frightened by the fireworks and in a panic?

The answer to that question is NO, it is going to be on us the owners of the animal. We not only will have lost a valuable animal, but we could also loose our home, everything we own. We have complained many times to law enforcement, they have done nothing. The issue continues. We would like to see it be illegal to posses fireworks of any kind period. More so that it be illegal to be within 10 miles of any livestock, horses, cattle, sheep, goats, etc. Livestock of any kind.