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Dear Flt. Lt. Murtaza:

Thank you in advance for your time. I'm writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals—PETA entities have more than 9 million members and supporters globally—regarding the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority's (PCAA) recently reported plan to use lethal means in attempts to deter birds from colliding with airplanes.<sup>1</sup> **PETA encourages the PCAA to reverse its deadly decision to deploy bird shooters on the runway at Allama Iqbal International Airport in Lahore and use humane bird deterrents instead.**

Money spent on shooting or poisoning birds at airports is wasted on an endless killing cycle because when wild animals are killed, more will simply move in to take advantage of the available resources. Effective wildlife-management programs are based on a simple rule: If you remove food sources and make an environment unattractive to wildlife, animals will move on. PETA recommends banning the public from feeding wildlife, installing fencing, planting dense vegetation around nearby water sources, and implementing nonlethal scare tactics, such as sonic devices, lasers, motion detectors, scarecrows, or Mylar streamers in order to prevent animals from frequenting an area.

May I please hear from you regarding this important matter? You can contact me at [ShalinG@peta.org](mailto:ShalinG@peta.org). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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<sup>1</sup>Bilal Ghauri, "Shooters to Be Deployed at Airports for Birds," *The Express Tribune*, July 4, 2022, <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2364570/shooters-to-be-deployed-at-airports-for-birds>.