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Louise Linton, wife of Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, takes aim at Trump administration over trophy hunting imports

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Louise Linton is taking aim at the Trump administration.

Linton, a Scottish actress and the wife of current Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, voiced her displeasure over news of a trophy [hunter](#) who was allowed to import a lion's head into the country — the first instance of such an import since the Trump administration reversed an Obama-era policy that banned trophy hunters from doing just that.

In an Instagram post shared this week, Linton stated, "Americans should not be permitted to kill exotic animals for fun!" She then included language from part of a [press release](#) issued by the Center for Biological Diversity in September.

"The Trump administration has authorized a U.S. hunter to import a lion trophy from Tanzania — the first allowed from that country since lions were given protection under the U.S. Endangered Species Act in January 2016," reads a passage from the press release that Linton shared on Instagram. "A Florida man received permission to import the lion's skin, skull, claws and teeth, according to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service records belatedly released under the Freedom of Information Act."

She then instructed followers to urge Congress to pass the Conserving Ecosystems by Ceasing the Importation of Large Animal Trophies Act, or the [CECIL Act](#) (named after the [Cecil the Lion](#), who was killed by an American trophy hunter in 2015), which would restrict the importation of sport-hunting trophies from endangered or potentially endangered species.

The Center for Biological Diversity's press release concerning the hunter who imported the lion — which utilized information obtained the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service — also shared its concerns, as well as the Humane Society's concerns, about what this import may mean for the future of trophy hunting.

"We're waiting for the other shoe to drop, and it may land on Tanzania's elephants," said Tanya Sanerib, the international legal director at the Center for Biological Diversity.
