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*Testimony by Representative Rob Sampson  
Before the Environment Committee  
On House Bill 5205  
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Good morning Chairman Meyer, Chairman Roy, Representative Chapin, Senator Roraback, and members of the Environment Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I'm here this morning to express my support for ***HB 5205 – AN ACT CONCERNING HUNTING, TRAPPING AND SPORT FISHING LICENSE FEES FOR OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTS.***

The goal of this legislation is to create parity between the hunting, trapping and fishing license fees paid by out-of-state residents to this state and the hunting, trapping and fishing license fees that Connecticut residents are required to pay in other states.

Exorbitant fees for hunting, trapping and fishing are gaining traction in several states across the country. Many states now charge north of \$300 for a non-resident deer license, Iowa, for example, charges \$426.00.

Hunting & fishing are a staple of American culture. Of course, many states are facing budget problems and are on the lookout for additional revenue.

States like North Carolina & Delaware who already have laws similar to this proposed bill are leading the way in keeping costs reasonable for hunters and fisherman alike.

Thank you for the hearing on HB 5205 and I wish to express my support of the bill and the committee's favorable action.

Sincerely,

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