

Testimony in OPPOSITION to SB 83, AAC Authorizing Bow and Arrow Hunting on Sunday.

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I am writing to voice my vehement opposition to bow hunting on Sundays.

* From what I have read, hunting will *not* reduce Lyme disease risk because ticks have well over 100 hosts. And, in fact, taking away deer as a host, puts the public and their pets *more* at risk as hosts.

* Bow-hunting is one of the most inhumane forms of hunting causing a crippling and slow-death by infection and starvation.

* Only 1% of Connecticut residents hunt. I am not one of those. I am one who likes to hike on the weekends in my local preserves. I like to enjoy the peace and quiet and beauty of the fields, forests and ponds. And I would like to feel safe. Just this past Sunday, I was walking my friend's dog who is completely gold in color and I was in a dark coat. We were in the Huntington/Newtown area. Noticing the signs about no hunting on Sundays, I was quite relieved as our movement through the woods could have been construed as prey by a hunter. I was incredulous to see that hunting was even allowed in the same place as a forest preserve with trails for the public to hike.

PLEASE do not pass this act to satisfy the 1%.

Thank you.