

March 7, 2012
Environment Committee
SB 83- An Act Concerning Sunday Bow Hunting under Certain Circumstances

My name is **Chas Catania**. I live in Sherman, I own property in Redding (on which I bow-hunt deer) and I also own property in Putnam which I hunt on as well.

I have 3 teenage boys who live in Redding, and I am one of the Deer Wardens there, which means I help address the overpopulation of deer on Town Owned Lands.

A bit more about me: I own a small Consulting Business in Ridgefield, I teach the CT Hunter Safety Classes, both Bow and Firearm, and I'm the Legislative Chairman of Stamford Fish and Game Association.

You have all heard from me on the topic of Sunday Hunting. If you don't recognize my name then you don't read your emails.

Today you have heard, and will hear more, about many reasons why Sunday BowHunting for deer makes sense from a Biological Standpoint. I agree. (You will also hear some detractors use purely emotional arguments against this issue)

I would like point out a few other perspectives:

1) I am no less a Safe Hunter on Sunday than I am on Saturday, or every other day of the week.

(I have proven this again and again in New York and many other states, which ALLOW Sunday Hunting)

2) As this Bill (SB 83) is PRIVATE LAND only, Saying that a Hiker, or Bird Watcher has more rights to be there than I do on Sunday is to protect a TRESPASSER.

Frankly I see this issue as a **Landowner Rights** issue more than any other.

If a vote were taken today, this Bill would pass overwhelmingly. Last year there were 120+ YES votes counted, to delay it because the House Chairman of the Environment Committee is against Hunting, is CLEARLY against the will of the majority of the legislature. (Dick Roy told me this personally, so I know of what I speak)

So, the DEEP wants this, the people want this, the Governor wants this, and the Legislaturewants this ...
why is it not law?

I'd like to ask that every one of you who support this bill, to sign on as a Co-sponsor, And let's get this done this year.

Thank you,

Chas Catania

please feel free to email me or call me with any questions.
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