

I am writing on behalf of myself, wife and children as seasoned members of licensed bow hunters in the state of Connecticut. Professionally, my children attend college, my wife is a Family Nurse Practitioner, and I an attorney. Dear to our hearts are the pastimes of hunting, fishing and trapping in the great outdoors of our home state Connecticut. These traditions are under constant pressure from opposing private interest groups, wildlife habitat preservation obstacles, legislation and budget concerns, to name just a few.

Scientifically managed by the DEEP, Wildlife and Marine Biologists, public and sportpersons' input and other data, the environment and wildlife are natural, renewable resources that flourish harmoniously with nature's delicate balance. The highly regulated activities of outdoorspersons are major contributors for maintaining this balance. Available data details the sporting publics' substantial contribution to the various economies. Whether experienced individually or with others, outdoor activities ranging from fishing and boating to harvesting mushrooms provide hours of recreation and timeless memories for all, and often a nutritious bounty from nature as well!

Sunday bow hunting is scientifically supported by the DEEP and its biologists as a tool for wildlife management. A byproduct will be the resulting significant influx of revenue. Of further importance is the increased opportunity for most bow hunters to participate in the sport to overcome work, scheduling and family obligations otherwise demanding their free time.

It would be shameful and scientifically unfounded to establish negative legislation influenced by pressures from groups and individuals with vast resources to exploit public welfare, wildlife and the environment to further their anti-sporting sentiments and broad agenda. We all have a responsibility to future generations to protect and preserve these traditions and natural resources from further erosion.

I trust you will be considerate and thoughtful exercising your authority and influence in this controversial, DEEP and sportsperson supported legislation.

Respectfully,

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