

I support H.B. No. 5412 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. I am the Conservation Agent for the City of Shelton, where we have a very serious deer problem. I have spoken with land owners concerned about Lyme Disease, landscaping damage and forest health who would like to reduce the number of deer on their property, but are hesitant to invite recreational hunters who they do not know onto their land. Such hunters could probably not significantly reduce the number of deer on their property anyways because the deer population is so very high. Property owners should have the ability to hire a professional to efficiently cull the deer on their property, subject to regulation for safety purposes. Thank you.

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