

February 24, 2013

Re: Sunday Hunting Bill

Archery has been a large part of my life for 54 years. I have been a bowhunter in Connecticut since the first season in 1978. I am very active in many outdoor activities, but bowhunting is my real passion.

I recently ran into an old college friend of mine, Ed. I was thinking of introducing him to my favorite sport of bowhunting. It dawned on me it would be very difficult for us to hunt together. Both Ed and I work Monday through Friday. In this economy that is something to be thankful for, but time is a precious commodity. Ed is Jewish and unable to hunt on a Saturday as that is his Sabbath. With no Sunday hunting available to us, I realized we would not be able to hunt together. I feel the present law is a tad biased against my friend.

My son is a police officer and new bowhunting enthusiast. With no Sunday hunting option, our time together in the field is limited. Sunday hunting would greatly increase our time together enjoying the sport we both have come to love.

Working Monday through Friday, family obligations, and severe weather conditions often interfere with Saturday hunting. Currently, you could lose the entire weekend opportunity to hunt. Sunday bowhunting would allow myself and fellow hunters more flexibility to hunt.

Please support this bill which will give us one more day to enjoy the outdoors and the sport we love.

Sincerely,

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