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Joint Committee on Children
State Capitol, Room 011
Hartford, CT 06106

To the Co-Chairs and Members,

The Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus offers the following testimony against House Bill 5566, *AAC Child Safety by Restricting the Placement of Leghold Traps*.

By our understanding, there have been no instances in Connecticut of a child accidentally encountering and triggering a hunter's leghold trap. Also, previous testimony by the DEEP has argued that the responsible deployment of leghold traps in accordance with existing law does not present a threat to children. We as a caucus voted to affirm our belief that the wildlife management strategies currently in place provide sufficient buffer against accidental injury to youth, particularly with regards to the issue of leghold traps.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Rep. Linda Orange, Co-Chair
Legislative Sportsmen Caucus

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Rep. Craig Miner, Co-Chair
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