

Letter in opposition to H.B.-6305

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Environment Committee
Connecticut General Assembly
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Ave
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: H.B. No. 6305 AN ACT PROHIBITING HUNTING IN PROXIMITY TO WILDLIFE PRESERVES.

Distinguished Members of the Environmental Committee:

I am voicing my **STRONG OPPOSITION** to H.B. 6305 an act prohibiting hunting in proximity to wildlife preserves.

At a time when the DEEP is trying to increase the number of deer harvested by hunters, this bill is contradictory to the DEEP's intentions.

I believe this bill is being introduced to farther limit hunting in the State of Connecticut. If there is a wildlife sanctuary, they are already protected there and there is no need to expand these zones. **It is unfair for land owners to be told what the can and can not do in their own properties**, especially since they are the ones that are most affected by the destruction to flora due to the over abundance of deer. Furthermore, this bill says "PROXIMITY" and it doesn't clearly states what the proximity is. This bill leaves it out to interpretation that could be abuse.

It is already very difficult to acquire private property for hunting opportunities in CT to further limit access to hunting land with contradictory and unnecessary laws.

I feel this bill is just wrong. We have towns spending thousands of dollars to pay private companies to kill deer in town properties and now they want to expand this ridiculous law to surrounding private properties?

Let the land owners decide what activities they allow in their property. It is called private for a reason.

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