

Dear Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile, and Honorable Members of the Environment Committee,

I am writing in opposition to SB 915, an act authorizing bow and arrow hunting on Sunday.

Hunting does not represent the interests of Connecticut's outdoor enthusiasts, as only 1% of our residents are hunters. Connecticut residents have the right to enjoy the outdoors in peace. Hunting is the only "sport" where a fatality rate for non-participants exists. This endangers everyone in our communities. We should be encouraging more humane and less violent activities in Connecticut.

Sunday hunting will not be effective at managing the deer population because deer are able to reduce their herds naturally through starvation, disease, and lower fertility. This is nature's way of letting the strong and healthy animals survive.

Bow hunting is also extraordinarily cruel because it creates a prolonged death due to being shown in dozens of scientific studies to yield more than a 50 percent wounding and crippling rate.

I oppose SB 915 and urge you to do the same.

Thank you.

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