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S.B. No. 915 (RAISED) AN ACT AUTHORIZING BOW AND ARROW HUNTING ON SUNDAY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. (ENV)

Good morning. My name is James Crook and I'm in favor of bow hunting on Sundays on private land.

Hunting is the only cost effective means to manage the deer herd in CT. Deer management is important for a healthy sustainable population of deer and its interaction with the human inhabitants of the state.

Bow hunting on private land on Sundays will ensure that those wishing to enjoy the outdoors, those who are not hunting, can still do so on public land without the two interfering. Bow hunting will also not increase any noise usually associated with hunting. Harvesting deer with a bow is also inherently safer. Arrows do not travel far and the deer has to be relatively close for an accurate shot.

Hunters, like myself, who work six days a week will not have to take days off to go hunting. In addition, out of state sportsmen will be drawn in to take advantage of our deer herds. Both will have a positive economic impact to the state. Everyday people are hunting they're spending money.

Remember, we are only talking about private land with written permission. If land owners and farmers don't want people hunting on their land, they can just refuse to allow it.

The ban on Sunday hunting is that last blue law. Why is hunting legal Monday through Saturday, yet denied to us on Sunday. Hunting on Sunday is allowed in 44 states. These 44 states are seeing an increase in licenses purchased and therefor an increase in revenue, yet we are seeing a decline.

Finally the regulation and management of hunting should rest with biologists who work for the DEEP. Many of which have doctorate degrees. Let's listen to their expertise and allow hunting on Sundays.

Thank you all for your time.