

If it is not too late, I would like to submit this brief written testimony in support of authorizing bow hunting on Sundays in Connecticut.

My father has been hunting in the state of Connecticut for 30 years, bow hunting for around 15. Recently, I have taken up the hobby as well, as I find it to be an opportunity to spend time with my father and enjoy time out of the cubicle and in the quiet of the woods.

Three years ago, my father's work schedule changed. After 31 years of working Monday through Friday, his schedule became Tuesday through Saturday against his best efforts to prevent such a change. I work a traditional Monday through Friday schedule. This leaves only one day per week, Sunday, when my father and I both have a day off from work. Unfortunately, the current restriction on Sunday hunting limits the time my father and I can spend hunting in the state. Not every employer allows individuals to take vacation days at will, as is the case with my father who must take off a week at a time and submit his vacation requests a year ahead of time. It is likely that we are not the only two residents who find themselves in the situation of not being able to get out nearly as often as we could if the restriction on Sunday hunting were lifted.

Thank you for listening to this anecdote of our situation, and thank you for your consideration of opening Sundays up for hunting in Connecticut.

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