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Dear Chairmen Meyer and Gentile, Ranking Members Chapin and Shaban, and distinguished members of the Environment Committee:

I am writing in *support* of **Raised Bill No. 915** which would authorize bow and arrow hunting on Sunday on private property. Similar legislation has been considered by the legislature in the past, and I believe there is growing support in Connecticut for this change to the law.

Bow and arrow hunting has become a growing sport in Connecticut, as the number who practice this is now in the thousands. Sunday hunting will help to control the deer population, which has been estimated to be above 75,000 during the wintertime in Connecticut. Furthermore, this bill addresses some of the safety concerns that many may have, such as the need to follow protocols set by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, and having to get the permission of the private property owner before a bow and arrow hunter can hunt on that property.

I strongly support Raised Bill 915, and respectfully ask that the Committee support this bill as well. Thank you.