

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

Please accept this as my testimony (for public hearing held on 2/25/13) in OPPOSITION to SB 915, An act authorizing bow and arrow hunting on Sunday.

I vote, and this issue is important to me.

I oppose this bill because bringing even more violence to our woods and fields is exactly what we do not need, especially in the wake of Newton. We do desperately need a modicum of sanctuary from the disturbing sound of gunfire and the anxiety of an errant bullet or arrow doing harm. Let's keep one day free of all that; the hunters (and, remember, only a small handful per one hundred residents ever hunt) have plenty of other opportunity to do what they do. Maintaining a balance of the various interests at stake here certainly supports a NO vote. A ratio of six days to one already seems kind of lopsided.

Thank you for your reasoned consideration.

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