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From: jmlafleur@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2014 9:05 PM
To: envtestimony
Subject: Please Support HB 5080: Allowing Sunday Hunting

To whom it may concern,

I urge you to consider a bill to allow Sunday Hunting in the state of Connecticut. This would offer many benefits to our sportsmen and conservation efforts. Please consider the following points:

- Sunday hunting allows people to hunt when they have available free time.
- Allowing Sunday hunting would encourage more people to consider hunting, which would result in an increase in revenue through game licensing and small business growth.
- Families would be able to spend quality time together outdoors in Connecticut's remarkable state forests .
- Younger adults would learn a life long skill to appreciate and respect wild life (and the great outdoors). Similar efforts have been made to encourage young people to get involved in fishing.
- Conservation efforts would improve through added field time in maintaining/restoring wildlife populations.
- Connecticut is home to a wide variety of wildlife species, scenic woods, and wonderful small communities.

Opening Sunday to hunting presents the opportunity for Connecticut to be at the forefront to encourage/promote sportsmen and our conservation efforts. We would be one of the few Eastern Region states to allow this. Think of how this boosts to our local economies as out of state residents look upon our great state at being the nations leader in conservation and sportsmanship. In doing so, it recognizes the sportsman as a key part in our state/nations heritage.

I encourage you to support HB 5080, allowing Sunday Hunting.

Sincerely,

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