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HB 5080 AN ACT CONCERNING DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY  
AND AUTHORIZING BOW AND ARROW HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ON SUNDAYS.

Hello, committee members. My name is Thomas Rossing, and I have been bow hunting in Connecticut for over 25 years. This testimony is to ask that you support HB 5080 an act concerning deer management programs on private property and authorizing bow and arrow hunting on private property on Sundays.

There are many reasons that I would like to be able to hunt on Sundays, and many reasons why I believe you should help make that happen. A lot has changed since the law to prohibit hunting on Sundays went into effect, and I think it is time that we change that.

There was a time, not too long ago, when I was not able to purchase alcohol on Sundays. However, our state was able to revise that law and make it legal to purchase alcohol on Sundays. Why should hunting be any different? Allowing bow hunters another day in the woods would better help them provide meat for their families, and many hunters donate meat to soup kitchens as well. Therefore, hunting on Sundays would only benefit the community.

Plus, hunting on private land is at the discretion of the land owner. If one of the landowners that permit me to hunt their property asked me not to hunt on Sundays, I would oblige. If one of them asked me not hunt on their property on any day of the week, I would do as they asked, as it their land and hunting it is a privilege.

Please consider supporting HB 5080 an act concerning deer management programs on private property and authorizing bow and arrow hunting on private property on Sundays.

Thank you for your time.