

Members of the Environmental Committee:

I am writing in support of Bill No. 6034 an act concerning deer management programs on private property and authorizing bow and arrow hunting on private property on Sundays.

I have been very involved with this issue for 4 years. Having read all the testimonies on-line, it appears to me that little has changed since last year. Testimony from both sides of the issue has changed very little at all, with little or no "new" ideas being presented from either side. Meanwhile, the deer herd numbers remain above DEEP recommended levels. I feel you must agree that Sunday bow hunting would be a step in the right direction. How large a step? We won't really know until we implement it. Let's at least give it a chance and then re-evaluate its effects on the herd size.

In closing, I urge you to honor all the long hours and hard work from all the private citizens, committee members, legislatures and staff by passing the bill through the committee and onto the House and Senate floors for a vote. It is time to move the bill forward and take a vote. Let the people's voices be heard.

Sincerely,

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