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Testimony on H.B. 6034 - Sunday Hunting

Dear Senate Chair Kennedy and House Chair Albis,

My name is Jack Kealey and I am an 11 year old citizen lobbyist living in Connecticut. Today, I would like to speak to you about H.B. 6034 which would allow hunting on private property on Sundays. This is a crucial issue to me that I am very opposed to. I am opposed for a few reasons.

One reason why I am opposed to this bill is because it is not encouraging to kids. Many organizations encourage kids to go outside and play. Many kids may play in the woods and Sunday is their only day in which they can feel extremely safe in the woods. Other kids channels including "Nickelodeon" have a few days each year in which they cancel all programs for 3 hours to encourage kids to go outdoors. However, the risk is always there when hunting is allowed. This is one reason why hunting should not be allowed on Sundays, I deserve one day to feel safe in the woods outdoors.

Another reason why I believe there should not be hunting on Sundays is because families deserve a day off. On weekends, families might want to take a picnic or a hike in the woods. Hunters might unknowingly slip into public area, and the danger is immediately there. I would be worried for my life if I took a long picnic and knew that there was no day in which I could feel completely safe.

My final reason why hunting shouldn't be allowed on Sundays is because this bill is a lead off to hunting being allowed anywhere on Sundays. This bill's passage is affecting other bills to come. If Sunday hunting was allowed publically, I wouldn't be able to take a hike or a picnic in many places that I enjoy. Sunday is my only day to do that, and I want it to stay like that. This is my final reason why H.B. 6034 should be declined.

This is why I would respectfully ask members of the Environment Committee to oppose this legislation. It is absolutely awful and I ask for one day to feel safe.

Thank you,

Jack Kealey