

Chairman Kennedy, Chairman Albis, and Honorable Committee Members:

Re: HB6034 Opening Sundays to bowhunting is essential to restoring and maintaining healthy deer populations in Connecticut. As you must have noticed, last year bowhunting harvests surpassed firearms harvests. We are having a terrible problem with over-population in some areas of the State. For situations like those in Redding to be avoided, (were some \$80,000 in funds were used to have professional riflemen shoot 200 deer), Sunday hunting must be opened up. Most sportspeople, like myself, must work on weekdays, leaving only Saturdays and a handful of vacation days to be out in the woods.

I am a hunter, and in particular, I bow hunt. As someone who works 6 days a week, allowing Sunday hunting would significantly increase my opportunity to harvest food for my family, while helping to control the deer population in our area. I am an avid outdoorsman and I am confident this will not have any negative impact on other's ability to also enjoy the outdoors.

Respectfully submitted,
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