

I am writing in support of Raised House Bill No. 6034 - AN ACT AUTHORIZING BOW AND ARROW HUNTING ON CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY ON SUNDAYS.

As can be inferred from the bill's title, the issue here is simply whether private, tax-paying landowners, should be afforded the ability to allow hunting of deer with specific regulations on their property. The "I want one day of peace" argument rings hollow since the fact that no landowner is compelled to grant access to his or her land for Sunday hunting. If a landowner is opposed to hunting, the choice is simple - don't grant permission. Anyone who states they fear for their safety on private land on which the owner has granted permission for limited Sunday hunting must plan on trespassing on that private property.

Unlike the testimony I have read from those opposed to this bill, I won't simply recycle the same generic testimony. I will echo the facts presented by others, including the fact that Sunday hunting is an important and proven measure used in 42 states to achieve wildlife management objectives. Also there is abundant research that has shown bow hunting to be a safe, effective, and efficient tool for managing abundant deer populations. Not a single non-hunter has been injured by a bow hunter during millions of hunter-days afield since passage of the Deer Management Act in 1974.

I urge you to take a common sense approach to this issue and vote in support of Bill 6034.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

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