

Distinguished Members of the Environmental Committee:

I am writing in support of H.B 6034. Connecticut's Sunday hunting ban is simply an antiquated blue law that needs to be repealed.

The Sunday hunting ban is an outright infringement on property owners rights that prevents us from enjoying our property.

Employment or school requires most hunters to work or study from Monday to Friday and this leaves only Saturday for hunting. This means hunters have only 16 days out of the year. Once you add inclement weather, family obligations and other family or work activities, this really leaves no available time for hunting. Allowing Sunday hunting will increase the opportunities we have to enjoy the outdoors and sport we love an additional 16 days.

Connecticut hunters donate to Hunt to Feed. Hunt to Feed is an organization that donates venison to the less fortunate. According to the CT Food Bank, more than 390,000 Connecticut residents are struggling today with hunger. Each deer donated by hunters can yield 200 meals.

I am asking you to defend landowner rights by allowing landowners to determine who, where, when, and what activities should occur on our properties.

It is ridiculous that an activity that is SAFE and LEGAL 6 days of the week is illegal one day.

Sincerely,

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