

Dear Co-Chair Kennedy, Co-chair Albis, and Honorable Members of the Environment Committee,

I OPPOSE HB 5882. I have no wish for my tax dollars being used and wasted on the expansion of ANY hunting programs!

Handgun hunting is more cruel because it is harder to get clean and accurate shots, thereby increasing chances of crippling/maiming large animals such as deer.

It is beyond the comprehension of those who are non-consumptive wildlife enthusiast that such a small minority of those who hunt in Connecticut are continuously trying to expand opportunities and methods to kill deer/wildlife.

This bill, HB 5582, should instead create safe zones for wildlife, sanctuaries where wildlife can live in peace, safe from unnecessary cruelty—this would benefits both animals and non-hunters.

The majority of voters do not want any expansions; the Environment Committee and the DEEP should be paying attention to the 99% of non-hunters instead of catering to a tiny minority of hunting interests in our state.

I urge you to consider the majority of voters in CT and say NO to HB 5582!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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