

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

Please OPPOSE HB 5882. Too many of my tax dollars are being wasted on expanding hunting programs.

Handgun hunting is cruel because it is harder to get a clean shot, and thus increases chances of crippling the animal.

Instead of constantly trying to expand opportunities for hunters to kill, this bill should instead be creating safe zones for wildlife, sanctuaries where wildlife can live in peace, and safe from unnecessary cruelty—this benefits both animals and people. This is what most voters want, and the Environment Committee and DEEP should be paying attention to the 99% instead of catering to the tiny fraction of hunting interests in our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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