



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

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Public Safety and Security Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 3600
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Re: **SUPPORT of SB 20**, AN ACT CONCERNING CARRYING A FIREARM WHILE INTOXICATED OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL

Dear Co-Chair Larson, Co-Chair Dargan, and Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee,

On behalf of the Connecticut-based supporters of The Humane Society of the United States, the largest animal protection organization in the country, please accept this public hearing testimony in SUPPORT of SB 20, which would lower the allowable blood alcohol concentration from 0.1 to 0.08 for persons engaged in hunting, making it consistent with blood alcohol limits for driving and boating.

Hunting while under the influence (HUI), a condition where both coordination and judgment are impaired, increases the likelihood of animal suffering by potentially increasing “crippling rates” (i.e., animals are injured and may die a prolonged death, as opposed to a quick kill). Further, HUI may increase the chances of non-target species being shot (e.g., dogs, humans).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

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