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I strongly urge you to vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD 439, An Act to Preserve Maine's Sporting Heritage and Enhance Sporting Opportunities for Maine's youth by allowing Maine's youth to Hunt of Sunday. I not only say NO to this legislation but ABOLUTELY NOT! I am 71 y.o. and have lived here all my life. I am from a family who helped found the town I'm from. At one time people had to kill game to survive. There were no grocery stores. They either raised food or bought it from people who raised it. They supplemented with game from our woods and fields. That time has passed. Most, if not all, our hunting now is recreational. Done for bragging rights. Yes, we eat what we kill, hopefully. But we don't kill for necessity usually. It seems reasonable to me that we do not need this food enough that we cannot give our animals at least one day of peace a week from running for their lives. I'm not against hunting, just on Sundays. I also would like a day to feel like I can take a walk in the woods again and not be shot. Especially by a young, inexperienced hunter. Not to mention the trauma it would cause a young person to accidentally shoot a person. I say, give us and the animals a day of rise and worship! Thank you for voting OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD 439.