



**BACKCOUNTRY**  
**HUNTERS & ANGLERS**  
NEW ENGLAND

March 23, 2025

Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
c/o Legislative Information Office  
100 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

**Re: LD 820 - RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the Right to Hunt and Fish**

Dear Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts, and Members of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife:

On behalf of the Maine members of the New England Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers (BHA) I am submitting this testimony in support of LD 820- RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the Right to Hunt and Fish. Backcountry Hunters & Anglers seeks to ensure North America's outdoor heritage of hunting and fishing in a natural setting, through education and work on behalf of wild public lands, waters, and wildlife.

BHA supports the passage of a Constitutional amendment to protect the right to hunt, fish, and harvest game and fish. Our outdoor sporting heritage has been facing increasing threats throughout the country, we believe it is important that Maine clearly establishes that right in its Constitution.

Sincerely,

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