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LD 1343 An Act to Protect the Right to Harvest Wildlife
OPPOSE

Good afternoon, Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts and members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee:

I am very concerned that the definition of “harvest” presented in this bill, has the distinct possibility of infringing upon the voice of the majority of “We the People” when it comes to future wildlife management decisions or practices.

It has become frighteningly clear that in a blink of an eye, our democratic process (the voice of the people) can be irrevocably usurped by a higher court ruling that favors the “wants” of a small but powerful minority group of individuals. Especially concerning is when they are backed by a big-money organization such as the NRA.

Therefore, I solemnly urge you to support the ruling already made regarding “harvest” to encompass hunting/fishing/trapping in general, as accepted by our state’s fluid legislative and special committee processes and not open the door to a special interest group’s “written in stone” wants.

Sincerely,
Claire Perry
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