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**Testimony on**  
**L.D. 257, “*An Act To Expand the Hunting Season for Deer*”**

**Presented by**  
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**Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee**  
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Good morning, Senator Dill, Representative Landry, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife:

I am State Representative Wayne Parry, and I proudly represent District 10, which includes the towns of Arundel, Dayton, and a portion of Lyman. It is an honor to appear before you today for the purpose of introducing L.D. 257, “*An Act To Expand the Hunting Season for Deer.*”

This bill has been brought forward for a constituent, Bob LaFlamme, who had some ideas about possible changes to the deer hunting season. The concept draft can be used as a vehicle for this panel and the Department to consider potential revisions to the deer hunting season.

The reason Mr. LaFlamme came to me was the issue of so many deer that needed to be cut during the very beginning of the firearm season. Mr. LaFlamme was forced to turn many away, which was a problem with so few deer cutters in the area. There are a couple of ideas he brought to my attention.

1. Increasing the time for youth hunting; thereby, possibly giving youth a week instead of only one day. This may take some pressure off that first week.
2. Increasing the “expanded archery” area. This may also help with the pressure on cutters.

Hopefully, Mr. LaFlamme will be able to testify and explain this much better than I. I do not know about you, but I will be glad when we can do this in person again, since something seems to be

missing by doing all of this over the computer. I really hope we are not leaving the public out of this process.

Thank you, and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.