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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am a retired Game Warden lieutenant from Maine and have been involved in the outdoor community for most of my 70 plus years. I am asking you to oppose LD 1015. I believe this bill to be unnecessary and an attack on Maine's hunting tradition. I do not know what Representative Roeder's reasoning is for presenting this bill. I suspect it is lead poisoning in wildlife that has motivated her.

If so, I would comment that while there have been cases documented, it does not seem to be widespread, nor an imminent threat to a healthy wildlife population. However the same cannot be said for the attack on our hunting citizens. The results of this bill would be the true threat the citizens of Maine.

It is a threat to our cultural, social, and economic Maine Traditions.

Respectfully submitted -- Greg Maher

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