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I would like to voice my support for LD 1033. Hunting makes up the very fabric of Maine and more specifically, Northern Maine. Its part of who we are. Its our culture, our passion, and our heritage. Northern Maine is a tough place to live, weather wise and economically. Some people rely on hunting as an income where as others partake for personal reasons, or simply to get meat for the winter. With the way the current laws are now, the working class hunter gets 5 days in a season to harvest a deer. Add in other life obligations and its even less. To say its hard to harvest a deer here is an understatement. Its a constant challenge to keep youth interested in hunting with such little success. By allowing an extra day in the woods to hunt we can keep the tradition alive! I currently own land that I do not post with no trespassing signs because I was thankful for the landowners that didn't post theirs when I was younger. As a landowner I also feel that I should be allowed to hunt on my property that I live and pay taxes on. I would gladly allow people to hunt on my land on Sunday if it means keeping hunting alive and successful. This bill if passed, hurts no one. It improves land owner and land user relations. For those who enjoy sundays without hunting, can still do so provided they speak to landowners to find out if hunters are allowed. Its high time we reward and thank our gracious land owners who allow all of Maine's people on their land. The least we can do is allow them the choice. Thank you for your consideration.