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To whom it may concern,

I am writing today, urging you to consider passing this bill to allow private landowners the power to choose whether or not they want to allow Sunday hunting on their lands. We are 1 of only 2 states, that allows no Sunday hunting.

As a parent that is raising children who play sports, it is becoming extremely hard to get them into the woods and keep them interested in hunting. With many sports taking place 6 days per week, including school sports, it is near impossible to find time to get kids in the woods. The limited exposure and opportunities to hunt are not good for our heritage. Our youth numbers are declining. We need to act now to change this.

Also, many non-residents that look to book hunts, choose not to because they feel they are being cheated a day. I heard that comment a lot during the 2018, 2019, and 2020 bear seasons. I also heard it from turkey clients.

As someone that works full-time, I primarily only get to hunt a total of maybe 10 days the entire fall, between all seasons combined. I honestly only keep buying licenses because I love it, it's how I was raised, it's how I raised my children, and it's how I intend to pass it on to grand children when the time comes. I prefer wild game to fill my freezer over processed foods, and the limited time makes it extremely difficult.

I hope that you consider passing this bill.

Thank you