

Honorable Members of the Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Committee,

My name is Jonathan Kinney, and I served in the Maine House from 2012 – 2018, in House District 22 which represented part of the towns of Buxton, Limerick, Standish, and all of Limington. I am writing to you today to urge you to support LD 1033, An Act to Allow Sunday Hunting on Private Property with the Written Permission of the Landowner.

I am writing to you today, both as an avid hunter, and a landowner. LD 1033 would allow me not only to hunt my own land on Sunday, but to also allow friends, family, and other responsible hunters to take advantage of this opportunity. We've seen a decline in hunting over the past generation, and this opportunity would encourage those who have commitments, such as work or family, the opportunity to engage in one of the most important traditions in Maine. Too often, we treat hunters and landowners as mutually exclusive groups of people. It is important to remember that many hunters, own land, and are not opposed to opening up Sunday hunting, in Maine.

In addition, Sunday hunting will provide another revenue stream and will boost Maine's economy. This is another opportunity for people to buy hunting licenses, spend nights at our local hotels, eat at our local restaurants, buy ammunition, among other expenses.

I urge the committee to take this common sense step in allowing more Maine people to engage and experience one of Maine's strongest traditions, and support LD 1033.

Thank you.