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LD 1054
An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting on Private Property with the Written Permission of the
Landowner

OPPOSED

Dear Senator Dill; Representative Landry and committee members,

Sunday hunting bills do several things rather well; the worst being, they help to further divide us.

Awarding special Sunday hunting privileges to landowners and/or their buddies is not only breaking one of Maine's most respected and time honored traditions...(NO SUNDAY HUNTING), it does not allow even one day out of a working week, where citizens will not hear the retort of rifles or shotguns as they walk down country roads or recreate on posted land, that happens to be right next to a party of hunters. If this hunting party (or individual) features hound dogs running at large ...as is currently allowed 6 days a week...all year round...it is putting others and the pets that may be with them, in very real danger. Especially in light of the fact that Sundays is also considered a "family day" for those who love being in the Maine woods or on our lakes.

This seems fair at face value, but it is a very bad idea. Currently people can hunt longer and kill larger numbers of several game species than every before. What basically started in September and ended the last day in November, now goes on for weeks longer, under the banner of archery and/or black powder. A child of ANY AGE can hold a hunting license and be in the woods hunting with an adult.

As a landowner myself and former hunter, I think we'd be smart to back the bus up just a bit, or at the very least, start pumping the brakes. Bills like this are not popular on the whole.

Please vote: Ought Not To Pass.

Respectfully submitted,
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