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An Act to Allow Sunday Hunting....North of US Rt.2 from the New Hampshire boarder to Bangor, North of Rt.9 from Bangor to the Canadian Boarder, and within that portion of the White Mountain National Forest inside the state.

OPPOSED

Senator Dill, Representative Landry and committee members,

It seems that the line "Protecting Maine Hunting Traditions" is popular; until it isn't.

There is no pressing reason to break with the strong Maine Tradition of *No Hunting on Sundays*, and open up our state to exclusive areas of Sunday hunting.

People can be legally shooting wildlife or siccing hound dogs on wildlife all year long now in Maine...not just in the autumn. It is virtually non-stop...except for Sundays.

Year after legislative year, this is brought up before our IF&W committee...and over and over again it is opposed by even the most avid consumptive sportsmen ! Why? Because it isn't needed and the general public opposes it very strongly !

There is absolutely no unique reason why this specific area of the state needs to have an exception made. It is clearly about a "want", rather than a "need." One day a week of peace for the animals and for the people is not too much to ask. It is, after all...a tradition.

If it is okay to pick and choose traditions by initiating bills that end them...please stop saying that you support traditional hunting. It doesn't work like that.

Respectfully submitted,
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