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FREEPORT

I fully support LD1033, for too long I have overpaid and received less for my resident Maine Hunting license. Just looking at one neighboring state, NY, I have far more opportunities to hunt, more tags that I can fill and most importantly, I can hunt on Sundays. The Sunday ruling will allow Hunters the opportunity to stay in Maine, spend their money here and will provide a much-needed opportunity to expand the sport to what is now an ever-declining number of participants.

People like myself, who work Mon – Fri have only one day/weekend to enjoy this activity in Maine. As a Father, trying to compete with sports on Saturday's has made it nearly impossible to pass on this legacy to my children.

While I understand the concerns of some landowners, there is nothing in this bill that states that their lives would change, as a responsible Hunter, landowner permission should be the rule, not the exception, giving all landowners the opportunity to choose.

There is no denying that Hunting is on the decline, which in turn means that the states revenue from Hunters is on the decline, something this state cannot afford to lose.

It is for these reasons that I support this bill, and ask that you also will lend the needed support to pass it.

Thank you,
Rick Tucker