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Dear committee members, thank you for your time reading my testimony. I am writing you today to express my opposition to any Sunday hunting in the State of Maine. I am a Hunter and landowner but I also believe that Sunday should be a day off for everyone to be able to enjoy being out in the woods without having to worry about being in unintended target. I am also the president of my local snowmobile club we use these Sundays in October in November to get the trails ready for the season. Last year snowmobile club volunteers throughout the state logged over 76,000 hours of labor getting the trails ready for the season. I talked to other club leaders and the head of the Maine Snowmobile Program that confirmed just like my club every other club across the state depend on these 8 or so Sundays a year to get the majority of the work done. Again all this work is done by volunteers (many of whom are also hunters) and there would be no way to get it all done if we did not have one safe day a week to be able to be out in the woods to get it done. We have tried in the past to do this work earlier in the year but due to heat or other summer / early fall activities going on we never saw a good turnout of volunteers. I believe that if any form of Sunday hunting is allowed the State's winter tourism industry, which relies so heavily on snowmobile clubs' volunteers working these 8 or so Sundays a year to provide world class trails, will severely suffer.