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Testimony in Support of LD 820 , RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To
Establish the Right to Hunt and Fish

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Action

Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts, and distinguished members of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, I am David Trahan, Executive Director of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine testifying in support of the LD 820, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the Right to Hunt and Fish."

As a chief advocate for the recently passed Right to Food Constitutional amendment, we understand the Maine State Supreme Court ruled that the Right to Food Amendment included the right to hunt and fish. The fact that the court had to make this determination by defining and explaining the word harvest as well as legislative intent concerns our organization as this ambiguity could be challenged again in the future. For that reason, we support clarifying language.

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