



Testimony in Support of LD 1364 Resolve, Authorizing a Study on the Impacts and Risks of Lead based Ammunition April 9, 2025

Good afternoon Senator Baldacci, representative Roberts and members of the IF&W Committee.

My name is Beth Gallie and I am the President of Maine Animal Coalition. Maine Animal Coalition is a nonprofit dedicated to the elimination of animal abuse and exploitation through education, advocacy, and example.

We support LD 1364 Resolve, Authorizing a Study on the Impacts and Risks of Lead based Ammunition because eliminating lead from ammunition is good for humans, wildlife, and the environment.

Lead bullets keep killing long after discharged. It is a fact that lead, when consumed by humans, causes brain damage. Wildlife wounded by lead ammunition suffer painful deaths from lead poisoning and their bodies when consumed by other wildlife keep spreading the misery. Also, the environment is degraded from countless lead bullets that miss their intended targets.

There are good alternatives to lead ammunition such as copper, steel, tungsten and other elements and alloys. The extra cost of such ammunition is small in comparison to the damage caused by lead ammunition.

In 1991 the U S Fish and Wildlife Service banned the use of lead ammunition in waterfowl hunting, In 2013 California banned lead ammunition in all hunting and Maryland is currently considering such a ban.

We support LD 1364 because we believe that the IF&W Department can recommend ways to solve the very serious problem of lead poisoning.

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