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LD 1364 Resolve, Authorizing a Study on the Impacts and Risks of Lead-based
Ammunition
SUPPORT

Good afternoon, Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts and members of the Inland
Fisheries
and Wildlife Committee:

In 2021 Representative Amy Roeder submitted a bill before IF&WD's Joint
Standing Committee regarding lead ammunition. She spoke to all the incredibly
sobering consequences the use of these pellets and bullets bring to humans and
wildlife alike. Her presentation was all-encompassing and flawless. Her department
was completely professional and respectful. She opened her presentation by
requesting an Amendment to her bill, which would oversee the process of the start of
phasing-out lead ammunition. Had this passed, we would be well on our way today.

I was appalled when the first question she was asked came from Representative
MASON: "Do you have a favorite caliber you hunt with?" Followed up by
ORDWAY: "Do you think this is a little premature...why not ban solar panels instead;
lots of lead in those." ALLEY: We've banned lead lures...what else are they going to
take away from us."

Then we had Nate Webb's promise that after the pandemic subsides, the department
will continue to pursue education with demonstrations and also educational events.
Yet somehow, this really isn't anything I have read about, heard or seen ...much like
the department's Priority-promise to educate the public on the benefits of our coyotes,
and how to coexist with them. Pretty much crickets.

So frankly, I am pretty disappointed in the department's continued policy of
"suggesting" with no further commitment. Like "ASK FIRST". A nice suggestion
and nothing more.

So that's some bill-hearing background for those who are interested. I think it's
important moving forward to take women, the general public, and basic manners a lot
more seriously in the future.

All the blame does not lie with the bullet manufacturers. Public demand matters.
This bill asks little, given where we are to date, and is apparently needed.

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