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LD 1438

Esteemed Legislators:

I submit this testimony to oppose LD 1438, HP 947 "Resolve, Regarding Deer Hunting on Mount Desert Island".

I write to you not because I know whether or not deer hunting should be allowed or should be forbidden on Mount Desert Island, where I live, but because none of the people who introduced this bill nor those who sponsored it live here. Nor did they, as far as I can tell, consult anyone here about it.

On April 8, 2025, I wrote to Rep. Faulkingham to ask him:

\* What prompted you to introduce this bill, which seems to have nothing to do with the locality you represent? For example, did residents from Mount Desert Island approach you to ask you to introduce this bill? If yes, what were their reasons for approaching you and not working locally to make this action happen?

\* Why are there no local Maine legislature representatives who are listed as sponsoring the bill? Did you invite Rep. Eaton, Rep. Friedmann, and Sen. Grohoski to co-sponsor the bill? If yes, what was their response?

\* Did you have conversations with the local elected leaders here on Mount Desert Island (the Town Council in Bar Harbor, the Select Boards of the towns of Mount Desert, Southwest Harbor, and Tremont), and/or any contact with the Town Managers of any of those towns before introducing the bill?

To date (4/14/2025), I have received no response from Rep. Faulkingham.

For me, the issue in this bill is local to where I live, and people from here should be included in the decision about whether or not deer hunting is to be allowed. As there does not seem to be any local groundswell to support this bill (either its introduction or passage), I ask that you, in keeping with the representative form of government we have, recommend that this bill Ought Not to Pass.

I thank you for your time and attention.

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