



The Honorable Kevin Bacon

Senate Building
1 Capitol Square, Ground Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Bacon:

The Sportsmen's Alliance and its Ohio members would like to urge you to support Senate Bill 76, sponsored by Senator William Coley, a bill which would allow landowners to use purple paint placed on trees or posts to signal "no trespassing". Since 1978, the Sportsmen's Alliance has defended the rights of Americans to hunt, fish and trap; and supports the scientific management of wildlife, which is funded by licenses and taxes on sportsmen and women.

The sportsmen's community has long recognized the importance of respecting the rights of property owners. Allowing the use of purple paint to be posted on trees to indicate a clear line between property borders would be beneficial to hunters or trappers. It will allow sportsmen and women to have a clear indication on how close they are to another property and will help ensure nearby neighbors are not disturbed. Already, several other states use purple paint as means to indicate where property lines, including Kansas, Arizona, Montana, Arkansas, Idaho, Florida, Maine, North Carolina, Missouri, and Illinois.

It is our hope Mr. Chairman that you and the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee will support Senate Bill 76. This bill will be beneficial to both sportsmen and women as well as property owners. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke Houghton", is positioned above the typed name.

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