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Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, thank you for allowing me to delivery sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 380.

As you may know, the sport of falconry is the hunting of wild animals by means of a trained bird of prey. Current law allows for birds such as falcons, hawks, eagles, and other predatory birds to be used in the sport. However, many constituents have felt that the current list of allowable birds is too restrictive.

Senate Bill 380 is simple legislation that adds owls to list of birds authorized to be used for the sport of falconry. The addition of owls to this list is something that many Ohioans in the falconry world have wanted for years and this change is fully supported by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to deliver sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 380. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.