



# League of Ohio Sportsmen

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Chairman Jones, Ranking member Troy and the distinguished members of the House Finance Subcommittee on Agriculture, Development and Natural Resources. The League of Ohio Sportsmen would like to give testimony against the Substitute HB 33.

These changes are Handcuffing Wildlife Officers from doing an already difficult job and potentially allowing poachers an easier way to evade capture and prosecution.

We are opposed to changing the deer gun season from the Monday after Thanksgiving to the Friday after Thanksgiving.

The Indian lake program are essential to manage harmful algal blooms and keep the nutrients from flowing in the Lake Erie watershed and causing increased algal reblooms that occur every year.

The conservation and habitat line item is very necessary to maintain a robust open areas for the citizens of Ohio.

Project Wild is a very necessary education tool that the division uses to help educate people on conservation.

If you allow Substitute HB 33 to pass in the form submitted you will be doing severe harm to the great works that the Division has done for over 150 years. Please reconsider this substitute bill and allow the division to operate in the manner it has for 150 years. Don't reduce their ability to maintain our stellar Wildlife Management system.

Thank you,  
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