



Attn: Senate Committee on General Government
Re: SJR 8 – Constitutional Right to Hunt and Fish
Date: November 18, 2025
Position: Support

Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on General Government,

I write to you today on behalf of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) in support of Senate Joint Resolution 8, which would allow Ohioans the opportunity at the ballot to enshrine the constitutional right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife as a public right in perpetuity.

Founded in 1989, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation is the informed authority across outdoor issues and serves as the primary conduit for influencing public policy. Working with the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC), the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus (GSC), and the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC), CSF gives a voice to hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, and trappers on Capitol Hill and throughout state capitols advocating on vital outdoor issues that are the backbone of our nation's conservation legacy.

SJR 8, if passed by the legislature, would present voters in the November 2026 elections with the option to vote for a state constitutional amendment that would protect the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife. Sportsmen and women are the primary funders of state-based conservation, contribute significantly to the economy, and facilitate youth introduction to and appreciation of the outdoors. CSF, along with other conservation organizations, has supported right to hunt and fish initiatives across the country to ensure that future generations of sportsmen and women can continue to our time-honored pursuits.

24 states, including adjacent states Kentucky and Indiana, have amended their state constitution to protect the right to hunt and fish, and during the most 2024 election cycle, Floridians constitutionally protected that right. I respectfully encourage this Committee support the passage of SJR 8 to give Ohioans the opportunity to constitutionally protect the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife in the Buckeye State as well.

Sincerely,

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