

Chairwoman Roegner and members of the committee:

I've been an active outdoorsman in the state of Ohio holding a hunting and fishing license since the age of 16. I am now 59 years old and not one year has passed that I have not purchase a hunting & fishing license.

But it didn't start there. I remember walking along with my dad following one of his many bird dogs as he hunted pheasant and grouse from a very young age. This was the pathway to getting us actively involved in the outdoors.

Still today I try to lead by example as my dad did by taking kids, young adults introducing them to spring & fall turkey hunting as well as deer.

I am a Lake Erie charter captain spending countless hours chasing walleye with hundreds of customers young and old witnessing the joy and excitement that it brings to each of them. Hunting and fishing Is an invaluable tool that the Ohio division of wildlife uses to control and maintain stable populations of wild game & fish in our state. The revenue generated from hunting and fishing license along with tags goes back into the management of these valuable resources. I have attended and addressed the Ohio division of wildlife Council and the ODNR at the division one headquarters in Columbus many times over the years. It's at these meetings that the public can share concerns having input into regulation changes. It is also at these meetings that I have witnessed firsthand the groups that are gaining momentum trying to put a stop to hunting, trapping and fishing. These groups will continue to fight for the removal of all hunting and fishing as we know it.

It is for these reasons that I strongly support an urge our governor and Senate to pass the constitutional right to hunt and fish.

Anyone that has any questions or would like to contact me please do so at my email address or by calling my cell phone.

Thank you,

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