

Good Afternoon,

I'm writing to show my concern to S.258 "An act relating to the management of fish and wildlife" and to ask to testify as a citizen witness in front of the House Committee on Environment and Energy. I was born and raised in Bennington and have been a lifelong hunter and fisherman currently residing in Jericho since 2007. I left Vermont for 4 years to work as a professional fly-fishing guide in Wyoming, Utah and Idaho. Since I was a young child I have hunted and fished every year in Vermont. My hunting and fishing experiences are from throughout our great state in pursuit of many of the wildlife we are so lucky to have. This bill will change the model that has been a huge success of how fish and wildlife are managed in Vermont. It wasn't that long ago (less than 100 years) that many of the species of wildlife that we feel are ubiquitous to our state had been nearly extinguished by our ancestors and previous residents of our state. Our current Vermont Fish and Wildlife model has been a huge success in rehabilitating our wildlife populations. The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation [North American Model of Wildlife Conservation: Wildlife for Everyone | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service \(fws.gov\)](#) is the most successful model to conserve wildlife in the world. It is only due to the efforts of hunters, fishers and trappers that Vermont and North American populations of wildlife have been brought back from near extirpation. We should absolutely be crediting all hunters, fishers and trappers with this outstanding work and they deserve to be 100% on the Fish and Wildlife Board entrusted with developing regulations for conserving fish and wildlife as they have successfully done for decades. S. 258 will be changing a model of wildlife conservation that has proven to be extremely successful in rehabilitating and stabilizing wildlife populations in Vermont to benefit all citizens. My children are 12 and 13 years old and I purchased lifetime hunting and fishing licenses for them in the State of Vermont. I am concerned if we change the Vermont wildlife conservation model that is doing an outstanding job for the state of Vermont my children will not have the same hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities that we currently enjoy. Please consider my request to testify as a citizen witness in front of the House Committee on Environment and Energy on S. 258. Thank you!

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