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I'm writing to plead that you strongly oppose S.258.

I fundamentally opposed the stance that the fish and wildlife board takes an advisory role and acquiesces power to those who don't engage in outdoor recreation such as hunting, fishing and trapping. This bill appears to be a bid to put members on the board who have already established they want to end such practices.

How this could affect sportsmen/women will depend on the people who occupy that board. If the end result is a diverse board of open-minded outdoorspeople, it could be great for wildlife and for our relationships. If the result is a board stacked with members who disapprove of a consumptive relationship with nature, then it could be very difficult for us.

I would hate to see a hospital/medical facility stacked with non medical specialists making decisions without intimate knowledge and subject matter experts. Similarly I don't want to see our fish and game board having members who strongly oppose our passion as anglers and outdoorspeople.

I implore you to vote against this bill!