

SB 0777 - Repealing Time Restrictions – Sunday Hunting – UNFAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Feldman and Members of the Education, Energy, and Environmental Environment Committee:

Last year a compromise over Sunday hunting was reached with a time limit of 10:30 am.

People walking, jogging, cycling, and trail riding have had to accept and adjust to these compromised measures. We do not hear from the great majority of the population that does not hunt. Many curtail and limit their plans for the outdoors during hunting season because of the potential hazards of hunting accidents. That does not mean that they do not care. I don't think most people are against hunting either. I feel those that wish to participate in sport hunting have a right to do so. I defend that right.

But please understand we all must share and be reasonable in the time that we have to participate in outdoor activities. Weekends are limited times when individuals and families can enjoy outdoor activities. Saturday and Sunday are the two days almost everyone can plan to participate in outdoor activities. Those that hunt have six days, Monday through Saturday, and Sunday until 10:30. The rest of the entire population is potentially restricted to part of one day, Sunday, where they can enjoy outdoor activities with less risk of hunting related accidents and danger to trail riders when horses spook from the gun fire.

Laws must serve the needs and welfare of all. During hunting season there must be a slot of time when outdoor activities for the non-hunting population are available. This is only fair. I am sure I speak for the great majority of the people in this area when I respectfully request that the Sunday 10:30 hunting time limit not be repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

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