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On Behalf Of: All Sportsmen and Women
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB3390

I do hereby adamantly oppose this bill for all the same reasons that all logical men and women also do. This bill attempts to make things that have been part of our heritage from the beginning of time illegal. It would move us as humans further away from the earth and natural resources that are provided for us. We as hunters, trappers, fishermen & women, taxidermists, ranchers, farmers, etc. choose to live close to the earth and are true conservationists who care deeply about our wildlife and natural resources. Those who want to take this way of life from us have no idea of who we really are or how much we care about the land, wildlife, and being outdoors. This bill is an attack on our way of life and the opportunity for our children and grandchildren to enjoy this way of life as well. This is ingrained in our DNA and is a deep part of who we are as humans. Why others choose to attack us on a regular basis is beyond my understanding as we do not attack others and the things they love. I understand that there are people who do not enjoy this way of life and choose to live further from the earth as humans. That is fine and that is their choice. They say they are conservationists, but I don't believe that is true. I believe that people managing our natural resources and being good stewards of the land and resources are the true conservationists. I could go on forever about how managing our wildlife is the right thing to do to help prevent overpopulation, the spread of disease, and problems associated with not managing a resource, but I do think any logical thinking human being can see that. If this bill were to pass, the animals would still need to be managed, but it would be done by government agencies rather than sportsmen and women. This would create an additional tax burden that is completely unnecessary and unacceptable. Only those who act on their personal feelings and who choose to live further from the earth and are the type of person who would try to force their opinions and feelings on others would support this bill. Again, this is part of our heritage and how this country was settled. It is part of who we are. Please allow us, our children, and our grandchildren to continue to live as we do and Vote No on this bill.

Sincerely,

Jeff McLean