



April 22, 2024

Representative Anita Astorino Kulik
101 Irvis Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2045

Dear Chair Kulik:

On behalf of Safari Club International (SCI), I write in support of Sunday hunting in Pennsylvania and, specifically, for House Bill 2106. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt promoting sustainable-use wildlife conservation worldwide. Our organization, along with active members and chapters in Pennsylvania (Allegheny Mountains, Blue Mountain, East Ohio-Northwest Penn, Lehigh Valley, Pittsburg, and Three State), strongly support this important bill that would dramatically increase access for sportsmen and women who hunt in the Keystone State.

Should House Bill 2106 become law, it would – among other items – repeal the current provisions related to Sunday hunting and allow individuals who have secured a hunting license to hunt on Sundays in accordance with other state laws. As you know, this would dramatically increase the access and opportunities from the current three Sundays available to sportsmen and women.

Unfortunately, as you fully understand, many hunters today are still prevented from introducing new or novice hunters to the great outdoors because they are competing against work, organized sports, and other activities on Saturdays, which is currently their only opportunity to hunt outside of the typical work and school week.

Additionally, not allowing for Sunday hunting severely limits the non-resident hunters, and associated license dollars, coming to the state. This stance ignores the fact that hunting is a deep part of Pennsylvania's heritage, and sportsmen and women who pursue game in Pennsylvania directly contribute millions of dollars each year to the economy while directly supporting over 25,000 jobs.

Hunters often cite “lack of time” as one of the number one reasons they stop hunting. Expanding Sunday hunting is key to providing more people, especially youth and beginners, with more opportunities to engage in hunting, which ultimately leads to generating more hunters in the years to come.

Maintaining America's large number of hunters is crucial to maintaining the revenues necessary to sustain abundant wildlife and wildlife habitat – for both game and non-game – conservation



programs as well as the access related programs and many other on the ground conservation programs funded by sportsmen and women and implemented by the PGC.

After the first few successful and safe seasons of Sunday hunting that saw an increase of over 26,000 licenses sold in 2020 alone, House Bill 2106 will help build on the rich history of hunting in Pennsylvania by providing even more opportunities for sportsmen and women to take to the woods.

Thank you for your continued efforts to increase access and opportunity for sportsmen and women who hunt in Pennsylvania, and we respectfully ask for further consideration and passage of House Bill 2106.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Laird Hamberlin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Laird Hamberlin
CEO – Safari Club International / Foundation