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**Re: HSB 609-Turkey Hunting-Firearms**

Dear Members of the Iowa House Committee on Natural Resources:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2022 House Study Bill 609. SCI supports the underlying bill and would suggest a minor modification related to allowing nine shot or larger to be used.

Recruitment, retention and reactivation (R3) of hunters is critical for the long-term success of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation. As such, allowing .410 shotguns utilizing 9 shot or larger is another step in the R3 process and ultimately the long-term funding for conservation. Technological advances in hunting equipment and shotshell technology address concerns regarding ethical harvest of turkeys and reduced recoil clears the way for youth and novice hunters to participate.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on HSB 609 and should HSB 609 move forward, SCI would encourage a modification regarding shot size. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and is first for hunters.

Sincerely,

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Safari Club International