



## **Allegheny County Sportsmen's League Inc.**

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Gentlemen,

I am writing you in regards to the proposed changing of the opening of rifle deer season from the Monday after Thanksgiving to the Saturday after Thanksgiving. I have had extensive conversations with the ACSL Board, Officers, and Member Club Delegates and it is the major consensus that Pennsylvania Sportsmen and Sportswomen are quite opposed to this change.

There are innumerable reasons as to why this change to a "Saturday Opener" would inconvenience many Sportsmen and their families; Thanksgiving holiday travel conflicts, Black Friday, time for camp prep, hunt site scouting, etc. However, I would like to focus this letter on 2 very specific reasons.

### **Reason #1: The Economic Effect on Northern Tier Counties**

Businesses, organizations, and establishments in the areas of Pennsylvania where the vast majority of hunters travel to "go to camp", will certainly see a negative effect on their income. Although I am a resident of Allegheny County now, I spent my entire childhood in Cameron County. I know from growing up in Driftwood and Sinnemahoning, "locals" offering pancake breakfasts, Church dinners, and other services to "Campers" is one of the biggest revenue periods of the year. The Saturday move would essentially eliminate 2 days of vital income opportunities for much of the people who depend on "hunter revenue" for their lively hood. It is my belief that dismissing this fact would be a monumental mistake and show a great lack of compassion and sportsmanship on behalf of the Commission.

### **Reason #2: Playing Into a Long Term Plan to Erode our Proud Pennsylvania Sportsmen's Heritage**

We all know that our future as Hunters, Sportsmen, Pennsylvanians, and Americans depends upon the youth or "Next Generation". They must becoming involved, receive mentorship, and enjoy their Rights, Liberties, and Traditions to ultimately pass it onto the next generation. It is a cycle. As a PAGC Hunter/Trapper Education Instructor who attends the instructor updates each year, I am exposed to PAGC data that shows a clear downward trend of youth involvement in hunting. By moving the opening date to Saturday, it will make the unofficial "1<sup>st</sup> Day of Deer Season" holiday, unnecessary for

schools to honor and thereby eliminate the opportunity for the vast majority of youth to take part in the 1<sup>st</sup> day of deer season. Any adult that deals with youth on any level recognizes that Saturdays are an extremely difficult day to schedule for a family, especially the Saturday after Thanksgiving. I think this move will ultimately result in less youth hunters taking part, and by default less youth enjoying and exercising one aspect their 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Right.

The decisions made by this Commission will not only effect the economy of the Commonwealth, the health and welfare of the wildlife, the future of our Proud Pennsylvania Sportsmen's Heritage, but also the mindset of future generations as they value and exercise their Rights, Liberties, and Constitutionally guaranteed freedoms. I would hope that Director Burhans and the Commissioners would strive to garner and nurture this sentiment within the next generation of Citizens and Sportsmen rather than to pander to Anti-Liberty forces in Harrisburg and elsewhere.

Leave the Rifle Deer Season Opener on Monday.

If you require more information, clarification, or would like to arrange an opportunity to address the member clubs of the Allegheny County Sportsmen's League, I welcome any communication via the contact information above.

Yours Most Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Klint Macro', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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President of Allegheny County Sportsmen's League