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Senator Donald C. White
3950 William Penn Highway
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Murrysville, PA 15668

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Dear Senator White,

The Murrysville Trail Alliance (MTA) would like to express its opposition to House Bill 1760 which is under consideration in the state legislature. If passed, this bill would legalize Sunday Hunting. MTA is opposed to a change in Pennsylvania's hunting laws to permit hunting on Sundays.

We are opposed to hunting on Sundays because of the negative impact that it would have on other forms of outdoor recreation. Hunters would like another weekend day to be able to hunt; but millions of hikers, bike riders and nature lovers would be at risk if they ventured into the woods at the same time as hunters. These people, who our organization represents, should have at least one day a week when they can venture outdoors in safety.

The perceived economic benefit to the state by having Sundays available for hunting ignores the economic benefit of all the other groups and individuals who are hiking, horseback riding, biking or just enjoying nature on Sundays. Hunters can participate in some form of deer hunting 103 days per year in Pennsylvania, including 18 Saturdays, and that does not account for additional opportunities to hunt on farmland throughout the growing season through the PGC's Red Tag program.

Sincerely yours,

Betsy Aiken
Chair, Murrysville Trail Alliance

cc: Rep. Markosek; Rep. Evankovich