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Senate Bill 247- *Hunting from a Lift*

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Good morning, members of the committee, and thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today on Senate Bill 247, which would allow a person to hunt from a mechanized lift attached to a UTV or a similar motorized vehicle equipped with stabilizers.

Currently, there are attachable scissor lifts on the market that lift a person safely to a height of 12 feet for the purposes of picking fruit, changing light bulbs, or trimming tree branches, for example. In addition, current statute allows individuals with disabilities to use this type of lift for hunting. This technology has helped those with physical disabilities take part in the Wisconsin tradition of deer hunting and I believe granting everyone access to these lifts could help Wisconsin hunters to have a safer and more convenient hunt.

The bill provides a number of qualifications for the lift to ensure the platform will be safe to discharge a firearm from. First, the lift, platform, and stabilizers must be in compliance with the standards of the American National Standards Institute. In addition, the vehicle must be parked and the vehicle's motor not in operation with the stabilizers deployed and in full contact with the ground.

Senate Bill 247 would provide deer hunters with a safer alternative to the traditional tree stand and opens the door to producers of portable deer stands to continue to design practical solutions for hunters.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak on this bill. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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