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Henderson, Patrick

From: Blaine Thorson [BlaineThorson@email.msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2001 3:47 PM
To: sen.baumgart@legis.state.wi.us; sen.hanson@legis.state.wi.us; sen.wirch@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.cowles@legis.state.wi.us; sen.schultz@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: state bill 45--dove hunting

You will serve the hunter well by voting against dove hunting. This is a domestic bird in that has no fear of humans. they are found in and around man made structures and rarely in an open field or woods. Farmers don't need the worry of getting shot or live stock injured for the sake of a meatless hunting trip for training purposes. Farmers will thank you and the hunters won't loose any hunting grounds because they are feed up with the lack of concern or respect from hunters. I can verify that as a hunter myself and as a property owner who has opened up his landing on the lake front only to have them park all over my lawns, in my drive and even on my sidewalk so they could go duck hunting or fishing.

Prove rep Johnsrude wrong and take a stand on this issue and put in down and out for the count. Thank you

Blaine Thorson
W8113 CTH ZB
Onalaska, WI 54650

Henderson, Patrick

From: Thomas & Linda Ferris [T.L.Ferris@centurytel.net]
Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2001 8:47 PM
To: Sen.Baumgart@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Fwd: Senate Bill 45

>Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2001 20:24:15 -0600
>To: SenWirch@legis.state.wi.us
>From: Thomas & Linda Ferris <T.L.Ferris@centurytel.net>
>Subject: Senate Bill 45
>Cc:
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>X-Attachments:
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>I support the Senate Bill 45 prohibiting the hunting of Morning
>Doves. I believe that our hunters in the state have many
>opportunities to hunt the species of animals that roam our state. It
>is odd that our government wants to have an open season on the very
>bird that is considered our symbol of peace. I oppose the killing of
>these birds that come into our yards and they are a part of our
>backyard bird beauty. Please do not support the killing of the
>Morning Doves.

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> Sincerely,

> Linda Livingston Ferris
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Hi Jim!

I never thought that I would be writing you concerning an issue. I wonder if Dick would be proud of me for becoming more involved in important issues. Education and Property taxes are other important items that we need to focus on this session. I see the little town that I live in in major trouble. They have to make major cuts in our programs, Teachers will be let go and yet the small town of Shell Lake is paying taxes that would knock your socks off. I realize that we are not alone. If this continues, I believe that in a few years, Wisconsin will no longer have the high academic achievements that we have now.

On a personal note, Life is good here in Shell Lake. I have remarried a neat man that I have know all my life. Dick knew him,too. We met at an all school class reunion in Williams Bay. My daughter Karin is the internal auditor at the University of Wisconsin-Superior. She is a beautiful girl and I know that Dick would be proud of her. I hope that all is well with you and your family. I see Frank Boyle once in awhile at his sister's house . His sister and I are friends. I always ask about you. I run into Mary Hubler,too. I think of Sheboygan and the talks in the Livingston kitchen. I remember how we always brought sausage and brats back home. Could not go to Sheboygan without coolers to get brats. Take Care and the best to you always! Linda

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Richard and Nancy Belle Douglas
525 East Stark Road
Milton WI 53563
(608-752-7186)

18 March 2001

Senator James Baumgart
Box 7882
Madison WI 53707 (608-266-2056)

Dear Senator Baumgart:

We strongly urge you to send Bill 45, which would prohibit Wisconsin's hunting of its bird of peace, out of committee for a vote. We strongly support passage of this bill.

There are plenty of clay pigeons for people to shoot. These birds mate for life, are too tiny to justify their killing, and are indeed a symbol of peace. There are already far fewer of these birds than we used to see around us.

Please vote to pass this bill.

Yours sincerely,

*Richard B. Douglas
Nancy Belle Douglas*

Richard and Nancy Belle Douglas

cc. Senator J. Erpenbach
Assemblyman Mike Powers

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March 18, 2001

Senate Committee on Environmental Resources
Senator Jim Baumgart, Chairman
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Baumgart and Committee Members:

Re: S.B. 45: Bill to prohibit the hunting of our state symbol of peace--the mourning dove.

I wish to register as being in favor of S.B. 45. I am sorry I will not be able to attend the hearing on Mar. 22, so am sending this letter in the hope that my opinion will be considered.

The arguments put forth by hunters that their rights are being eroded; they need another game bird; and that several other states hunt them, should not be given precedence over the fact that the mourning dove has been designated and long known as our state symbol of peace.

It would be extremely ludicrous to allow that symbol to become a target for shooting and killing. What has this state come to, that such an example should be set for its citizens, especially its children!

I hope you will give this matter serious thought. Hunters would do well to realize that they and the sport of hunting would be looked upon more favorably if they would acknowledge that the state needs to respect and protect its symbol of peace more than they need another target to shoot at.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Martin E. Maier
N8 W17900 Northview Rd.
Waukesha, WI 53188

I would appreciate each member of the committee receiving a copy of this letter. Thank you.

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Committee on Environmental Resources Chairman
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Madison, WI 53707-7882

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We also believe that the majority of the people of Wisconsin are opposed to the hunt but are not being listened to or represented. There have been over 28,000 signatures collected against a dove hunting season, and more than 6000 attendees voted against the hunt at the Conservation Congress meeting last April. Another 4000 letters have been sent to the DNR opposing the hunt. It is also our understanding that there were many more phone calls and e-mails that were not recorded as well.

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What does it say about us as a state if we hunt down and kill our own symbol of peace?

Sincerely,




Cathy & Mike Morris

622 Orange St.
Hudson, WI 54016

Henderson, Patrick

From: Blaine Thorson [BlaineThorson@email.msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2001 10:37 PM
To: sen.baumgart@legis.state.wi.us; sen.hansen@legis.state.wi.us; sen.wirch@legis.state.wi.us; sen.cowles@legis.state.wi.us; sen.schultz@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Senate Bill 45 - Dove Hunting

We are writing to beg for your support of Senate Bill 45 (SB-45), prohibiting the establishing of a mourning dove hunting season.

Please keep in mind the MAJORITY of the people of Wisconsin. through signed petitions, phone calls, letters, and e-mail clearly stated their opposition to a mourning dove hunt - (far outnumbering the hunters who voted for it at the CC meetings held in April).

Thank you.

Sandra L. Guy, N3657 Lux Lane, Stoddard, WI 54658
Kenneth Trott, 114 W. Park St., Westby, WI 54667
Shirley Trott, 114 W. Park St., Westby, WI 54667
Hjalmer Torgerson, N393 ST. RD. 162, Coon Valley, WI 54623
Velva Torgerson, N393 ST. RD. 162, Coon Valley, WI 54623
Rose Eckert, 3334 East Ave. S., La Crosse, WI 54601
Beverly Miller, 1617 Caroline St., La Crosse, WI 54603

Henderson, Patrick

From: Dale R. Haymann [sammy2@discover-net.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2001 3:41 PM
To: Sen.Baumgart@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Dove Hunting Laws

Senator Baumgart:

I wish to thank you for holding hearings on the hunting of doves in the State of Wisconsin. While I am not a hunter we do permit people to hunt on our 120 acres in Blair. It is good hunting land and people usually take several deer off the land. We also have an increasing number of turkeys and several have been taken the past several years.

It is my belief that man can live in harmony with nature if man balances his intelligence, instincts, and needs. The hunting of surplus deer and turkeys are examples of this type of harmony. However, the hunting of doves does not meet these criteria. I have heard the argument of how good they taste. Given the size of the bird and the numbers needed for a meal that becomes almost a mute argument. If these hunters want a real challenge let them hunt rats. The amount of meat they could eat from a good size rat would be comparable to the meat found on a dove and would certainly be less controversial.

I had a college instructor that taught us that conservation is wise use of our natural resources. He was right. Dove hunting on the other hand, is an abuse of our natural resources.

Sincerely,

Dale R. Haymann



La Crosse County Conservation Alliance

P.O. Box 933 La Crosse, WI 54602-0933



March 19, 2001

Senator Jim Baumgart
State Capitol
Room 306 South
PO Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Baumgart:

The La Crosse Conservation Alliance is composed of 27 organizations with 6000+ members. We are writing regarding SB45 to ban hunting of any bird identified as the state symbol of peace. We strongly support the vote--approving dove hunting taken at the 2000 April public hearings of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress. WE are committed to the Wisconsin Conservation Congress process and urge that any changes to fish and game laws be accomplished through the spring hearings. To promote fish and game rules outside that process is unwise public policy and inconsistent with the legislative intent that established the Conservation Congress.

Thank you for considering our opinion on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Harry Meinking
Chairman La Crosse County Conservation Alliance

CC: Mark Meyer
Mike Huebsch
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Ducks Unlimited Greenwings

Henderson, Patrick

From: Baumgart, Jim
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2001 9:57 AM
To: Sen.Baumgart
Subject: FW: Dove session

From: Meerstein Lillian[SMTP:LILLIAN.MEERSTEIN@KOHLERCO.COM]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2001 9:56:43 AM
To: 'Baumgart, Jim'
Subject: RE: Dove session
Auto forwarded by a Rule

Thank you and I will relay this to the necessary people who have been contacting me. Hope this helps.

-----Original Message-----
From: Baumgart, Jim [mailto:Jim.Baumgart@legis.state.wi.us]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2001 9:46 AM
To: Meerstein Lillian
Subject: RE: Dove session

March 19, 2001

Dear Ms. Meerstein:

As you know, the Senate Environmental Resources Committee has scheduled a public hearing to discuss the issue of the upcoming hunting season for doves. It has long been my policy, as chair of a committee, that in the spirit of bi-partisanship all bills in my committee will receive a public hearing regardless of the issue or the bill's author. However, having a public hearing does not mean that all bills will be voted on by the committee. As I have told you in the past, I have no intention of bring Senate Bill 45 up for a vote. The people have clearly spoken on this issue at the Conservation Congress meetings around the state last spring and the rules were promulgated through the DNR and went through public scrutiny at that time. I see no reason to change what is already in place.

I hope that this along with our conversations clears up any confusion on my position relating to this hunting season. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

JIM BAUMGART
State Senator
9th Senate District

-----Original Message-----
From: Meerstein Lillian
[mailto:Lillian.Meerstein@kohlerco.com]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2001 9:02 AM
To: 'sen.baumgart@legis.state.wi.us'
Subject: Dove session
Importance: High

Dear Senator Baumgart,
Just writing in regard to the phone conversation I

had with Pat last
could tell my
office.

asking me what our
but they are not
the ones to put
writing telling us

them involved,
would be hearing

Friday. He told me that he would send me an e-mail so I
people what your doing. Still have not heard from your
Senator Baumgart, I have been getting calls from all over
Association is doing about this. I gave them Par's reply,
believing it. They say that you are our Senator and we are
pressure on, so I am asking if you can put something in
that this will not come out of committee for a vote.
The Turkey Federation wants to call all my members and get
have not provided a list of names to them as I thought I
from your office by now.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours in conservation
Lil Meerstein, President of SCCA

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1211 Hickory Drive
Jefferson, WI 53549
March 19, 2001

Senator Baumgart
P. O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Senator Baumgart:

I am writing in response to a Letter to the Editor which appeared in last week's Washburn County Register.

The writer stated that Representative Frank Boyle has drafted a bill prohibiting the hunting of mourning doves in Wisconsin (Bill LRB 0971/1 and Senate Bill 54), and that there will be a Senate Hearing committee meeting on March 22.

We all know there have been countless hours and dollars spent discussing and debating the hunting of the Mourning Dove. We also know that very few, if any, hunters will take the time to clean and eat these birds which contain such a minimal amount of edible meat. These birds do no harm to us or to other birds. It is a genuine pleasure to see and hear them in our back yards. Therefore, why have a hunting season on them--why not have a season on some of the predatory birds which are known to destroy other birds' nests and their young?

My husband and I urge you to support Representative Boyle's bill to prohibit the senseless hunting of these beautiful Mourning Doves. Anything you can do in this regard will most certainly be appreciated!

Sincerely,



Bee (Bernice A.) Fischer



John W. Fischer

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Senator James Baumgart
State Capital
POB 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Senator Baumgart-

I write to you regarding Senate Bill 45 and Assembly Bill 48.

Senate Bill 45-


I am asking for your support in defeating Senate Bill 45, which seeks to ban dove hunting in our state. We recently fought hard to win the privilege to hunt this bird and it would be a shame to ban such a season before we even get to participate in our first one. My understanding is that the dove, with the exception of "local" ones that stay here year around, are a migratory bird. We would not be hunting our local population which everyone feeds. Dove hunting is popular with several other states and does contribute to their local economies. We should enjoy the same.

Assembly Bill 48-

I am asking for your support in the passage of this legislation and encourage you to become a sponsor as such. I spend a lot of time at several local gun clubs and feel that they benefit the public by giving our youth a place to safely learn about responsible firearms use and ownership. This bill is also important to many of us who engage in competitive shooting, as we not only need places to shoot, but we also reload most (if not all) of our ammunition. With ever increasing restrictions being placed on the sportsmen/women at the national level, I feel it is imperative to protect what rights/privileges we currently have, without fear of losses due to frivolous charges by local or state communities and the anti-gun crowd.

I thank you once again for your time and consideration on the issues above.

Best Regards-



Gary Sanders
716 Badger Ave.
So. Milwaukee, WI 53172

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P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707

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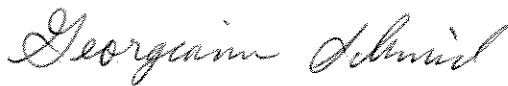
I would like to be counted among the thousands of citizens who are opposed to a dove hunt in Wisconsin. I am very concerned that a hunt will endanger this wonderful natural resource. The DNR's population numbers show a decrease from 12 million in 1996 to only 4 million in 2000. I personally have noticed this decrease in the frequency in which I see and hear the Mourning Dove in my back yard.

There is no reason to reduce the population further. They do not present any problem to agriculture and actually are beneficial. The fact that Mourning Doves already have a high mortality rate indicates to me that it would be dangerous to proceed with the hunt.

Many people have voiced their opposition to the hunt. 28,000 people signed a petition to that effect. The DNR and Legislative members received over 4,000 letters against the hunt.

Please vote for Sen. Moen's Senate Bill (SB45).

Sincerely,



Georgiann Schmid
1038 Town Hall Rd.
River Falls, WI. 54022

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March 19, 2001

Dear Senator Baumgart,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I wrote last year to Al Phelan of the Wis. S.N.C. These words remain appropriate today for your information.

I ask that you read this letter and take into consideration my request that you will give sincere, introspective thought to your view on this matter.

we all need "wilderness" in our experience. For some it is as simple as hearing the Drowning Doves call in the morning as spring awakens.

Respectfully, and with thanks,
Oranion Oranion

April 12, 2000
N4680 Durward's Glen Road
Baraboo, Wisconsin 53913

Mr. Al Phelan
Conservation Congress Liaison
Wisconsin D.N.R.
P.O. Box 7921
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7921

Dear Mr. Phelan,

I am writing to say that I was honored to have been a part of a family of ethical hunters. My father and three brothers never brought home more than what was needed for our family of eight children. They did not hunt for the sake of killing any living creature.

I am against the shooting of mourning doves and if my father and brothers were alive today, they would be 100% against this issue. It would seem to me that it is not so much an issue between hunter and nonhunter, but rather an issue of respect, compassion and willingness to accept the fact that those who cannot speak for themselves have a right to life.

Some people argue that there are too many mourning doves. [We know that this is not true]! There were once great flocks of passenger pigeons. Now there are none. However, there are great numbers of rock doves, grackles, starlings and other introduced species, along with human intervention, that keep decimating our native populations of birds by domination and reduction of habitat and food resources. Why aren't the hunters asking for an all-out vendetta against those? If overpopulation and destruction of crops is the reason given for the deer harvest, then why not carry this over into the realm of grackles and starlings?

The public should support many issues regarding our environment and the well-being of every living thing. They should also take responsible action to make their voices heard about clean air, clean water, global warming, etc. The human thinking is such that "they" [everyone else out there] are going to do something about these things. One day when the lead sheep goes over the edge, those who choose to remain silent will go over the edge too.

I believe that a greater respect and acceptance would be shown the hunting community if, perhaps this one time, hunters would put up their guns. The 'dove of peace' could be a venue for healing much of the misunderstanding and mistrust that has been created between the two schools of thought. It is my hope that our government officials, especially those involved with the fate and well-being of our natural resources, will one day dare to consider a change of values and thought, regarding the impact of human beings on our planet home. Chief Luther Bear said "Let us put our minds together to see what kind of world we can make for our children".

Respectfully,

Henderson, Patrick

From: Cathy Morris [cathymorris@presenter.com]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2001 10:26 PM
To: Sen.Baumgart@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Senate Bill 45

March 18, 2001

Senator Jim Baumgart

Environmental Resources Committee Chairman

P.O. Box 7882

Madison, WI 53707-7882

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What does it say about us as a state if we hunt down and kill our own symbol of peace?

Sincerely,

Cathy & Mike Morris

MAR 19 2001

Dear Senator Baumgart,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB 45 sponsored by Senator Moen to outlaw mourning dove hunting in Wisconsin.

There are many reasons not to allow dove hunting in Wisconsin. Chief among them is population figures. In 1996 the DNR estimated fall population numbers at 12 million or more. In 2000 these numbers were as low as 4 million. Documented evidence shows that mourning doves are moving from rural to urban settings and a substantial number of them stay in Wisconsin for the winter. I personally have many mourning doves at my feeders all winter. These are the birds, many of which would still have fledglings, that would primarily be hunted as most of the migratory birds would leave by the Sept. 1 hunting season.

I will also remind you that over 28,000 signatures were gathered opposing the hunt, including my own. The DNR and Legislative members received over 4,000 letters against the hunt and over 6,000 people (including me) turned out in a forum unfamiliar to us to vote against the hunt. I was one of thousands who were turned away and not ever allowed to vote. At the same time many hunting activists from out of Wisconsin were admitted and allowed to vote. Many people were observed holding up both arms and being counted twice.

In 1971 the State Legislature outlawed hunting of mourning doves, yet in 2000 the Legislature stood back and let a state agency reinterpret and rewrite our Wisconsin State Statutes without a single elected state official casting a vote. This is an outrageous way to handle an issue with such strong opposition!

The mourning dove is an asset to the farming and natural community. It consumes only waste grain and seed and digests them thoroughly. It is not a spreader of weeds but a natural herbicide. It is not over-populated or a problem for farmers. There is no logical reason to hunt it. The dove is also an important food source for birds of prey.

Another important point is that mourning doves are very poor reproducers with frequent nesting failures and a fledging rate averaging only 3 young per breeding season. Also, mourning doves do not flock in the thousands and feed in a large mass in Wisconsin the way they do in the southern states. This behavior in the south is what makes them a popular "game bird" there. The lack of this behavior here could only result in a lot of misidentification of targets and an increase in incidental killing and wounding.

Please right the wrong of last year and vote to pass SB45. The lack of a full vote last year was inexcusable. Surely all of you recognize the huge opposition to this proposal and our voices want to be heard! Stop the mourning dove hunting season now!

Sincerely,



Gary Bekx
N1670 Prairie View Dr.,
Greenville, WI 54942

MAR 19 2001

Betty & Gerald Lestina
N76 W36221 Saddlebrook Lane
Ocon., Wi 53066
920-474-4364

Dear Senator Bowyer,

Please support State Senator Moen's Senate Bill (SB45) to not allow hunting of Wisconsin's "Official Symbol of Peace" for the following reasons:

DNR population numbers put the 1996 MD fall count at 12 million or more. Department numbers for 2000 were as low as four million. Mourning Doves as a population is shifting from rural to urban settings, which is documented evidence.

Many of the Doves that remain after migration still have fledglings. It would be this population that would bear the brunt of proposed hunt.

The last meeting on the proposed hunt was poorly conducted. People were turned away. People voted twice. Children were voting. ID was not checked. I attended Waukesha meeting.

In 1971 the State Legislature effectively outlawed hunting of Mourning Doves, yet the 2000 Legislature stood back and let a State Agency reinterpret and effectively rewrite our Wisconsin State Statues without a single elected State Official casting a vote yes or no.

The DNR clearly does not claim that this species is either over-populated or presents a problem for the Department or farmers. The bird digests seeds thoroughly and is not regarded as spreader of weeds but a natural herbicide. The Mourning Dove is a major food source in the natural cycle and are an asset in the natural balance of things.

Thank You,


Betty & Gerald Lestina

MAR 19 2001

4705 Kennedy Rd.
Madison, WI 53704

Senator Jim Baumgart
Rm 306 South
PO Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Baumgart:

I am writing to voice my opposition to SB 45. The dove issue went through a complete hearing process and ultimately a dove season was set for 2001. To reintroduce a bill because opponents did not get their way is simply a case of sour grapes. Many of the opponents based their positions on emotion rather than sound science.

The dove population has increase over the years and there are plenty of doves to support hunting, dove watching and back yard feeders. There is no relationship between a morning dove and peace, regardless of the state symbol argument.

Hunters and fisherman pay a considerable amount of taxes that support both game and non-game habitat in this state. It this day, it is a pleasure to see a rule that supports the opinions of sportsman and the general public and not the emotions and beliefs of special interest groups.

After a few years of hunting, the dove issue will likely fade away. Only those individuals who are at the extreme end of this issue will continue their opposition.

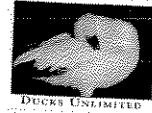
Give the dove hunt a chance and try to work on legislation that is important to everyone in Wisconsin, such as, a bipartisan budget, tax relief and relief of high drug costs for Wisconsin's senior citizens.

Sincerely,



Edward A. Bergman
Biologist, Ph.D and Sportsman

MAR 20 2001



Dennis F. Butters
W6773 Cedar View Dr.
Elkhart Lake, WI 53020

Dear Sirs,

I would like your support in restoring the additional hunting days that were recently taken away by board action. Deer 2000 was a big effort with many hours of volunteer working together. This was supposed to develop statewide strategies to manage a healthy deer herd and optimize opportunities for a diverse group of users, and keeping herds at target goals.

The board saw fit to strike these from the package. These took away eight days of hunting opportunities. These days would allow hunters to curtail deer numbers to help bring herds near goals.

Sincerely,

Dennis Butters

MAR 20 2001

1055 Terrace Drive
Elm Grove, WI 53122
March 18, 2001

Senator Jim Baumgart
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Baumgart:

The mourning dove has been a symbol of peace for Wisconsin and as a teacher, I am pleased to learn of Bill S45, which would prohibit the hunting of the mourning dove. I teach in an area where hunting is quite popular, and last year, while in our persuasive unit, several students expressed their dismay that doves might be hunted. In fact, I do not recall one student who wanted them hunted. One young hunter said to me that if the hunting of doves would be permitted, "it would give hunters a bad name." He and his father went on several hunting trips, and both were concerned about the proposed killing of doves.

During the DNR meetings, you probably heard that people were ridiculed and shouted down if they were against the hunting of doves. Therefore, many people feel the vote was not the sentiment of Wisconsin voters.

I feel hunting is necessary in some instances. For example, the crow is a predator of songbirds and birds of prey, and its numbers should be reduced. I have witnessed crows killing robins, attacking jays, and have seen 13 attack a hawk. However, the mourning dove is a gentle bird, and its call is relaxing. The dove is not a threat, and its numbers are not increasing dramatically whereas the crow is constantly extending its boundaries and eliminating other birds.

Please vote yes for S45 which would prohibit the hunting of the mourning dove. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Mary Lou Qualler

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March 20, 2001

Senate Committee on Environmental Resources
PO Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Re: 2001 Senate Bill 45 Relating to Hunting of Bird
that is Symbol of Peace for our State

Dear Senators:

We are unable to attend the public hearing on Thursday,
March 22 relating to Senate Bill 45, but would like to
register our support for this bill.

Our reasons for opposing hunting of mourning doves were
specified in previous correspondence to Legislators back in
April 2000 when this issue first arose, but if you would
like or need a copy of those comments or more specific
reasons for why we support prohibiting hunting of this bird,
please let us know.

Please pass Senate Bill 45. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Peter and Debra Lehner
114 N. Grove St.
Mt. Horeb, WI 53572-1910

cc: Senator Jon Erpenbach
Rep. Rick Skinrud

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March 20, 2001

Senator Jim Baumgart, Chairman.
Senate Committee on Environmental Resources
PO. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Jim Baumgart, Chairman.:

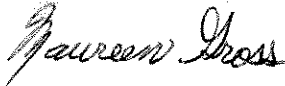
Please provide for the passage of S.B. 45 re: **Prohibiting the Hunting of the Mourning Dove, Wisconsin's Symbol of Peace.**

It does not make logical sense to allow the hunting of our state's symbol of peace. If the state of Wisconsin truly values peace, why is the state considering the killing of the messenger of peace? This mocks the value of peace. Now with the raising problem of school violence, why is the state about to allow the shooting of these birds?

There is plenty of game to hunt in this bountiful state. To hunt Mourning Doves for food would require a massacre of these birds since it takes many birds to make a meal. These birds will often become mere target practice because it takes a lot of effort to prepare a single bird for the table.

Today more than ever, we need to work for and encourage peace. We must protect and respect our symbol of peace, the Mourning Dove.

Respectfully,



Maureen Gross
S109 W27685 Maple Ave.
Mukwonago, WI 53149

This letter is for all committee members.

Henderson, Patrick

From: Rasmussen, Pat
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2001 3:46 PM
To: Sen.Baumgart
Cc: 'KierstenJCarlson@netscape.net'
Subject: FW: Hunting of mourning doves

Below you will find an e-mail message from one of my constituents who can not attend the hearing you are holding on March 22. She wants to register her support for SB 45 and has requested that the other committee members be informed of her views.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joanne B. Huelsman
11th Senate District

-----Original Message-----

From: KierstenJCarlson@netscape.net
[mailto:KierstenJCarlson@netscape.net]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2001 6:01 PM
To: Sen.Huelsman@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Hunting of mourning doves

Dear State Senator Huelsman,

Please cast your vote in support of Senate Bill 45 on Thursday, March 22, 2001 regarding the ban on the hunting of mourning doves. As you know, the mourning dove is our state bird of peace, and should be left in peace. Thank you for considering my opinion!

Sincerely,
Jan Kondrad
1825 Woodburn Rd., #C
Waukesha, WI 53188

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Henderson, Patrick

From: John & Liz Webster [webjlit@trivest.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2001 11:17 AM
To: Sen.Baumgart@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Mourning Doves!!!

Dear Senator Baumgart:

I am sending this message to you in support of Senate Bill 45. I feel that it is very important that we prohibit the hunting of the bird that is the symbol of peace for our state. I hope that the Senate Committee on Environmental Resources of which you are the Chairman will approve SB-45 and send it to the Senate for a vote. It does not make any sense at all to hunt and kill and eat our state symbol of peace. If we are indeed striving to become a civilized people, we must use some common sense and realize that killing and peace should not be a part of the same symbol. If the hunting season for Mourning Doves is not prohibited, I sincerely hope that we will change our state symbol of peace.

Respectfully,

John Webster
W25128 Sullivan Rd.
Trempealeau, WI 54661
(608-534-6337)

Henderson, Patrick

From: Ron or Virginia [virginia@renaissance-village.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2001 11:42 AM
To: Sen.Baumgart@legis.state.wi.us
Cc: Sen.Cowles@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Moen@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Schultz@legis.state.wi.us;
Sen.Hansen@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Huelsman@legis.state.wi.us;
Sen.Burke@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Risser@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Jauch@legis.state.wi.us;
Sen.George@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Wirch@legis.state.wi.us; Rep.Boyle@legis.state.wi.us;
Rep.Nass@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Senate Bill 45, Prohibiting the hunting of Mourning Doves

Here we are again! Trying to get our elected representatives to deal with the fact that a majority of the people of this state think that it is a stupid idea to start killing our song birds for the sport of it. And with the people wondering how it is possible for a state agency like the DNR to supersede the clear intent of State Statutes that specifically exempt the Mourning Dove from hunting! It is high time that the legislature debate and vote on whether or not it is wise to start killing off our song birds for the entertainment of a few hunters or that they be allowed to thrive for the enjoyment of all.

I have read the report of Keith Warnke WDNR WM/4 on mourning doves. He states that 6 out of 10 of the birds do not survive from one year to the next and that the population is stable. Somehow, these facts cause him to believe a dove hunt is warranted! I would think these two facts would cause alarm and reason enough to discourage a hunting season! I wonder if the populations of other song birds like robins and flickers, etc. aren't stable as well. Will the DNR propose a hunting season on them next! None of our other song birds are protected by state law! And you can be sure, as the conservationist John Wieneke has said, "The result of the hunt will be that a lot of mis-identification will increase incidental killing and wounding of other song birds."

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Sincerely, Ron and Virginia Socwell

Henderson, Patrick

From: tom derp [chamba54@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2001 9:55 AM
To: Sen.Baumgart@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Senate Bill 45

Dear Senator,

I am against this Bill 45 and any Bill that puts limits on hunting any species of animal that will eventually lead to an over-population of that species. By passing this Bill: What kinds of environmental impact studies have been done?? How will the passing of this Bill effect the other species of animals that must share the same habitat? How can anyone even consider passing such a Bill without taking anything into account except that they don't want something? Going into something half-cocked aren't you?

Sincerely,
Thomas L. Derpinghaus

P.S. They are a delicacy to the taste buds!!

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Henderson, Patrick

From: MD1578 [MD1578@email.msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2001 9:05 AM
To: Sen.Baumgart@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: dove hunting

Dear Sir,

I am writing to encourage you to maintain the dove hunting season as it stands under the law at this time. I am an avid outdoorsman despite the fact that I have been wheelchair confined for the last 22 years. I also spend alot of my time working towards the restoration or creation of wetland habitat for a variety of species of plants and animals. I have dedicated all my free time to the service of the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association as well as DU, Whitetails Unlimited, NWTF, Wings over Wisconsin and more. It is not the hunting that drives me to write this letter, but rather the need to continue this great tradition and encourage our young people to dedicate their time and resources to the maintainence and stewardship of our natural resources.

Please continue the Dove Hunt as written into law at this time.

Sincerely Yours,

Michael Derpinghaus
N7015 Sunrise Lane
Holmen, WI 54636
608-526-2415

Henderson, Patrick

From: Lezotte, Judith [LezotteJ@western.tec.wi.us]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2001 3:23 PM
To: 'sen.baumgart@legis.state.wi.us'
Subject: Senate Bill (SB 45) Prohibit Hunting of Mourning Doves

Senator Baumgart,

My husband, Jeff, and I strongly oppose the hunting of mourning doves and would like to urge you to VOTE FOR SENATE BILL 45 (SB 45) prohibiting the hunting of mourning doves.

Judith Lezotte
411 - 9th Avenue, S.
Onalaska, WI 54650
Phone: (608) 783-4613

Henderson, Patrick

From: Myrtle I. Chapin [michapin@win.bright.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2001 6:03 PM
To: sen.baumgart@legis.state.wi.us; sen.wirch@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Pass the Mourning Dove Bill 45 onto the Floor for further action!

Dear Senators,

As a senior citizen in my 80's I could hardly travel to Madison for a Hearing, but a relative has told me about this meeting. I have been looking for anything about the Mourning Dove subject in the newspapers and have found nothing. I have learned from someone else that there seems to be no information printed anywhere. How do you expect any of us to voice our opinion if we are uninformed? There are 1000's of senior citizens and others in Wisconsin who do not know that this issue has come up again for consideration.

Please, at the very least, keep this Bill alive long enough to get some advertising and a news release about it so as to have a fairer representation from the public at large so they can tell you how they feel. Most of us seniors love birds, and have a hobby of feeding them at our feeders. DO NOT DEPRIVE US of the Precious MOURNING DOVE!! I do not want any of them killed!! What is wrong with you all for even considering such a plan?

And the hunters, that is another story. Why do you pay so much attention to what they say and not the rest of the population? They are hardly a majority of anything, and I understand that many hunters are against this dove hunt anyway. My son-in law John L. who lives in Portage hunts once a year (deer) and is against this mourning dove hunt, but you know he like many hunters never attend DNR meetings. YOU are leaving out a lot of voices you have never heard from, largely because they do not even know that there is a Bill to be considered at this time, or that there was ever a DNR meeting to attend last year about it. Remember Senators, you represent all of us, not just the special interest groups (sportmen) who are buying your votes, evidently.

Most sincerely, Myrtle CHapin
Woodville, Wis. 54028

I have lived there since the early 1950s

Henderson, Patrick

From: Eldon McLaury [elgimcl@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2001 9:46 PM
To: Senator Baumgart
Subject: Wisconsin Dove Hunt

Dear Senator Baumgart:

I am writing to encourage your support for the Wisconsin Dove hunting season as it is presently approved. I am an avid outdoorsman, a Certified Wildlife Biologist and a wildlife manager/wildlife biologist with 33+ years experience. In addition, I have volunteered my time and expertise with Conservation Organizations, Rod and Gun Clubs and Civic Organizations to restore, protect and perpetuate the wise use of our Natural Resources. Indeed, the Wisconsin Dove Hunt as prescribed is a "WISE" use of our Natural Resources.

Never in the history of established Natural Resource and/or Conservation Departments operating within constraints of appropriate laws to protect our Natural Resources has any wildlife species been exterminated or overhunted. In fact, we can cite many examples of species abundance, borderline overabundance resulting from proper management of wildlife species under those protective laws and guidelines that Departments must follow in their management plans. And in some instances, this includes intense hunting pressure on some of those species. ie: White-tailed deer, Snow Geese, Wolves, Bald Eagles to name a few. There is no one more restrictive or protective of our Natural Resources than the American Hunter.

I urge your unqualified support of the Wisconsin Dove Hunting Season as currently proposed and approved.

Respectfully,

Eldon L. McLaury
US Fish & Wildlife Service, Retired
5715 Richardson Circle
Madison, WI. 53711

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6411 Lima Center Rd.
Whitewater, WI 53190
March 20, 2001

Senator Baumgart
Chairman, Environmental Resources
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

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Sincerely,



Ron and Virginia Socwell

CC:

Senators Dave Hansen, Bob Wirsch, Bob Cowles, Dale Schultz, Joanne Huelsman, Rod Moen, and Rep. Stephen Nass

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TO: Honorable Jim Baumgart

DATE: March 21, 2001

FAX: 608-267-6796

FROM: Attorney William A. Mattka

FAX: 715-538-2372 **PHONE:** 715-538-4418

RE: Mourning Dove Hunting Season SB-45 Public Hearing

PAGES: 3 Original to follow by mail? **YES** **NO**

MESSAGE: _____

William A. Mattka
36250 Main Street, P.O. Box 185
Whitehall, WI 54773
715-538-4418 • Fax: 715-538-2372

March 20, 2001

Honorable Jim Baumgart
Wisconsin State Senate
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

RE: SB-45
(Prohibition on Establishment of A Mourning Dove Hunting Season)
Senate Committee on Environmental Resources March 22, 2001 Public Hearing

Dear Senator Baumgart:

While I appreciate that 'we all put our pants on one leg at a time' I thought a brief personal introduction might in this instance be appropriate. While I am no doubt now regarded as something of a 'political has-been' prior involvement has included, in addition to other activities the following:

- Multi-term Trempealeau County District Attorney/Corporation Counsel
- Multi-term member Trempealeau County Board (Finance, Zoning, Law Enforcement, et al committees)
- 1978 Republican endorsed Candidate for Attorney General
- Multi-term appointment to Wisconsin State Elections Board (including Chairmanship)
- Various Wisconsin State Bar committees

I reside with my family (wife June and two school-age children, Jon and Joanna) on a small farm where I am tended to by 6 horses, as many dogs and some cats, animals in all categories in need of a home and my family in need of their companionship. With a personal sense of the need, a group of the Trempealeau County citizenry have formed and are now working toward the creation of a Trempealeau County Humane Society. Our 'Mission Statement' is as next stated:

"The Trempealeau County Humane Society (TCHS), a charitable, non-profit organization serving the people and animals of Trempealeau County, is dedicated to the prevention of cruelty and neglect, and the promotion of humane values. Through sheltering the homeless, injured and abused animals, population control, offering educational and adoptive services, our efforts will create an acknowledgment of the interdependence between people and animals of Trempealeau County "

That having been said, now to get to the point:

The call of the Doves that I have heard in the early morning and late afternoon, since childhood, has become nothing short of sacred to me.

My opposition to a Mourning Dove hunting season is not a function of an 'anti-hunting' mentality although I do not hunt myself. I appreciate, for example, that with the loss of natural predators, some deer must be harvested for their own well-being.

However, I see little sport or challenge involved in shooting a Dove off a utility high-line (where they can most often be found) or at the base of a feeding station. Given the quantity of meat provided, the Mourning Dove becomes very little more than a source of target practice, and I expect primarily for our youth.

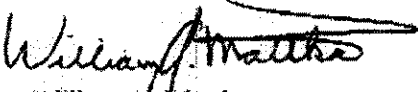
Recent studies have affirmed that 'killing for the sake of killing' creates an insensitivity in childhood that we frequently turn upon one another in later years.

The mere thought that we should now turn the Wisconsin State Bird of Peace into a game bird for slaughter is just further evidence of the human propensity to destroy, even as to the beautiful things around us.

I suspect the driving motivation for the creation of a Mourning Dove hunting season is, as with all things, money - revenue for the State and various affected merchants. Still I would think that the 'sportsmen' that are so adamant in their need for classification of the Mourning Dove as a game bird might give some consideration to the intensity of the feeling of those that would protect the Doves. I suspect a Dove hunting season will result in a major backlash against the hunting establishment, the various involved State agencies and perhaps even some elected officials.

I thank you in advance for sharing this communication with the other Committee members, and perhaps even making it a part of the public record from the hearing.

Respectfully,


William A. Mattka
WAM/tv

Cc: Honorable Rodney C. Moen

Henderson, Patrick

From: Elizabeth Anderson [lizrich@cvol.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2001 9:28 PM
To: sen.baumgart@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: dove hunt

Dear Senator Baumgart:

I am writing about the issue of dove hunting that is to be discussed at the Senate Committee on Environmental Resources . I am unable to make the drive from Eau Claire as I have to work.

I want to share my thoughts on the dove hunting issue and would appreciate your considering them as you meet with the committee Thursday, March 22.

I am most saddened by the fact that hunters and some of our political leaders want to allow shooting of our states "symbol of peace". I was most disturbed by the method in which this was brought to vote at the Conservation Congress meetings across the state when everyone knows these meetings attract mainly hunters. I attended the meeting last fall in Eau Claire and was unable to vote as they ran out of ballots. I also realized I was far out numbered by hunters. My thoughts and from what I hear from members of our local Wildlife Association in Chippewa Valley is that this was really an issue of hunters not wanting to have their hunting limited with a "don't tell us what to do attitude". This issue should have been taken to the public in a more fair manner not in an "annual Hunters support group meeting."

I have read the DNR bulletin about mourning doves; they have been declining in numbers in our state over the past few years and the meat from a dove is the size of a scallop.

Bird watching is becoming the number one hobby, please do not allow the hunting of a declining population of birds that bring a peaceful presence to many of us. Please vote to preserve the honor of peace bestowed upon this gentle bird. Our world needs all the "peace" we can provide in a time when we are experiencing "shootings and wars" with in our schools, communities and nation.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Elizabeth and Richard Anderson
3706 Briar Way
Eau Claire, WI 54701

Henderson, Patrick

From: PETER BISSEN [pjfeyen@execpc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2001 4:09 PM
To: Sen.Baumgart@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: doves

March 21, 2001

Dear Senator Baumgart,

We wish to express our support for a bill which would prohibit the hunting of doves in Wisconsin. Good luck.

Peter & Lyn Bissen
S83W22935 Mardith Ave.
Big Bend, Wi. 53103

Henderson, Patrick

From: Ted L. Mackmiller [rumackmi@presenter.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2001 12:08 AM
To: Senator Jim Baumgart
Cc: Representative Kitty Rhoades; Darrell Bazzell; Senator Sheila Harsdorf
Subject: SB-45 Prohibit Shooting Of Mourning Doves.

Dear Senator Baumgart:

I urge you to vote in favor of SB-45. The opposition insists there is an abundance of mourning doves. After feeding birds for 30 years at our rural home, I have never observed any morning doves at our feeder.

Last June I sent a letter to George Meyer, Secretary of the WI DNR urging DNR protection of doves. My petition, obviously, was not successful. The DNR responded that there was an abundance of Mourning doves. However N.J. Cutright, Conservation Chair of the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology stated in their June 2000 newsletter, (page 1) that there has been a decreasing trend of the dove population over the past 10 years. He feel that more information is needed regarding population, considering that in 1997 the DNR's estimate exceeded 12 million doves, their current estimate of 4-5 million and the Wisconsin Citizens Concerned for Cranes & Doves of less than 1.5 million.

The DNR stated that doves are shot in ¾ of the states in the USA. All the more reason to give them sanctuary here in Wisconsin.

The DNR's letter also said that there is 1-2 ounces of meat from each dove, about as much as an average bluegill or brook trout. An average brook trout or sunfish according to my observation is quite small and is usually returned to the water. This of course is not possible with a shot bird.

Should we consider hunting the robin or meadowlark, birds of a similar size? I am attempting to compare dove shooting to a practice that would be abhorrent to most persons as dove shooting is abhorrent to many persons, non hunters and hunters alike. I haven't taken a survey of hunters hence do not have a valid sample, but I have spoken to some who fear that dove shooting will damage hunting in general.

What is there to gain by allowing dove hunting in Wisconsin? Please vote for SB-45.

Sincerely,

Ted Mackmiller
1304 53rd Street
Hudson, WI 54016
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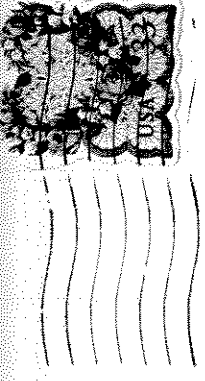
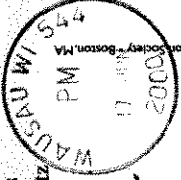
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do no harm and are
entitled to our
protection

Sincerely,
Shirley Slesick

Proud Supporter of Wildlife Land Trust



Shirley Slesick
7265 Bay Rd.
Rhinelander, WI 54501



The Honorable
Jim Baumgardner

PO Box 7882

Madison, WI
53707

Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals/American Humane Education Society - Boston, MA

MAR 21 2001

Ms. Margaret T. Gohard
5317 S 57th St
Milwaukee, WI 53219-4447
3/18/01

Dear Senator Baumgart,
I definitely support Senate Bill 45 which prohibits hunting the mourning dove, symbol of peace for our state, in hunting of the dove and outlawed in '71 by the state legislature. How can a strategy simply rewrite this statute, that last year I gathered that of passed. I signed our petitors that it is a defensible. Also, since the dove community waste grain & sweep seed, it is a defensible to the farming community. Please support S.B. 45.
Sincerely,
Margaret Gohard
Franklyn.

Please do not allow Wisconsin to kill the mourning dove. There are enough species being hunted for the name of all that is good,
Vote NO.

Lita Andia
5315 Weid Point Rd
Racine, WI 53402

3-9-01

Dear Senator Baumgart,

I am 66 years old & hunted all my life and I yet to see a good reason to shoot M. Doves in Wisconsin. I'm proud that Chippewa Co. Sportsmen voted against a Dove season last Spring.

This is not an anti-hunting issue. The issue is - is the dove a game bird?? When I compare a Dove to a partridge, woodcock, pheasant, etc + the challenge you get from hunting them, the Dove just doesn't fit. Shooting birds off of power lines (which will happen!) doesn't appeal to real hunters!

To me they will always be a song bird -
a Bird of Peace
Emmett Keller



DUCKS UNLIMITED

Emmett A. Keller
1427 Hilltop Blvd.
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

3/10/01

Klaus Ben, Baumgart;

I will not be able to attend the hearing for 2 B-45 on Mar. 22, 2001. However, I want to express my support of the Bill to protect mourning doves from slaughter. I would like to write a letter to the Editor of the E.C. Journal regarding the bill. I received many comments from people who praise me - even someone who did it who also supported the bill.

Other than some die-hard hunters, it is almost all citizens are against hunting mourning doves. Please write to the E.C. Journal.

Re: "Dove Hunt" proposal

Please vote against the NRB's marginally (5-2) approved "Dove Hunt" proposal and have it rescinded.

Signed: Dennis J. Nack
Dennis J. Nack
2410 N. 34th Street
Sheboygan, WI 53083

Re: "Dove Hunt" proposal

Please vote against the NRB's marginally (5-2) approved "Dove Hunt" proposal and have it rescinded.

Signed: Mara L. Nack
Mara L. Nack
1202 N. 17th Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Re: "Dove Hunt" proposal

Please vote against the NRB's marginally (5-2) approved "Dove Hunt" proposal and have it rescinded.

Signed: Ruth Pierce
Ruth Pierce
917 High Avenue
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Re: "Dove Hunt" proposal

Please vote against the NRB's marginally (5-2) approved "Dove Hunt" proposal and have it rescinded.

Signed: Patricia Pierce
Patricia Pierce
917 High Avenue
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Re: "Dove Hunt" proposal

Please vote against the NRB's marginally (5-2) approved "Dove Hunt" proposal and have it rescinded.

Signed: Marvin Pierce
Marvin Pierce
917 High Avenue
Sheboygan, WI 53081

2/11/01
Dear Sen. Baumgart,
Just "because they make good targets" is not a valid reason to hunt mourning doves in our state. They are tame, docile creatures, causing no harm, and no environmental damage. They are properly classified as song-birds.

I would urge you to support Sen. Moran's Senate Bill 45 so that ALL Wisconsin residents may continue to enjoy the presence of mourning doves.
Sincerely yours,
Joan Schickner

MAR 19 2001

Shell Lake, Wis.
March 17, 2001

Dear Sir,

Please do what you can to save the Doves.

Our Thanks.
John + Naomi Beardley

Bud McGinley
1846 N. 24th St.
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Against Dove Hunt

Robert Saund
3910 Skyring Dr.
Jensen, WI

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March 11, 2001

I love watching birds.

I am against the hunting
of Mourning Doves.

Janice M Lehr

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Waukesha, WI 53186

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March 16, 2001

Senator Baumgart

P.O. Box 7882

Madison WI 53707-7882

Please support Senate Bill SB45
when it is heard by your committee on
March 22, 2001.

Because it is Wisconsin State Bird of
Peace (and hunting and killing of it is
not very peaceful) which was voted
to be a protected bird and NOT HUNTED,
by a previous legislature, I can't imagine
going against that decision!

Thankyou.

Mrs. Della Cross

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Neillsville, WI 54456

cc's: Senators Hanson, Ulrich,

PLEASE SUPPORT THE BILL
THAT INTENDS TO BAN HUNTING
OUR STATE SYMBOL OF PEACE,
THE MOURNING DOVE

M. JENSEN
569 BB
WOODVILLE, WI 54028

Melba Jensen

MAR 19 2001

3/16/01

Senator Jim Baunfark.

Dear Sir,

As chairman of The Senate

Committee on Environmental
Resources it is my pleasure
to ask you to support

Bill 45 prohibiting the killing

of this bird.

It is Wisconsin's symbol
of peace, which we'd like to
see around for a long time!

Thank you

Janelle M. Heatochail

P.O. Box 533

Stoughton, WI 53177

Good Morning Senator Baumgart and committee members.

My name is Pat Fisher from New London and I represent WCCCD, Wisconsin Citizens Concerned for Cranes and Doves.

Who owns the animals in the state of Wisconsin?

Is it the DNR? No

Is it the hunters? No

Is it the legislators in Madison? No

The animals of this state are vested in the citizens.

My concern here today is that so far in this dove issue no one has bothered to hear and take action on the 28,000 signatures that were collected against this hunt. We had submitted some 20,00 signatures to the DNR, and the same at two hearing here in Madison and no one has even opened the package

At the Shawano hearing last May, Keith Wanke spoke of the petitions as "there are some petitions". Well that "some" is now at 28,000 along with that number are some 4000 letters asking that this hunt be put aside. The majority of the 4000 letters are also asking for a referendum on the dove hunt.

You are all elected to these positions here in Madison by the same people that signed the petition. And still not one of you has chosen to listen to these citizens. Along with these signatures and letters we also have the 6000 votes as the CC hearing back in April 2000. Numerous phone calls and e-mails that were made to the DNR were not recorded so we do not have numbers on them.

Don't you think someone would do the math here and finally figure out that the majority does not want this hunt? They don't care about your scientific facts, or the number of birds you say there are, or that a small group wants to target practice the doves, they just DO NOT WANT THIS BIRD HUNTED IN OUR STATE.

There is now a bill to amend the constitution for the right to hunt and groups have collected some 17,000 plus signatures to back this bill. Those signatures are being collected by an "ON LINE" petition. No signatures, just names and addresses and

these are being acknowledged and accepted by all of you. Now you tell me just what is fair here.

We all have an investment in what happens to our wildlife and now is the time for you to do the right thing for the majority of us. We want the same consideration for the doves in this state that you are giving to the people that want to amend our constitution.

PUT THE MOURNING DOVE QUESTION, TO HUNT OR NOT TO HUNT,
ON A STATE REFERENDUM AND LET THE MAJORITY DECIDE.

Thank you for your time.



Patricia Fisher
New London Wisconsin
WCCCD March 22, 2001

The petitions will be filed with the Chief Clerks of the Wisconsin State Senate and State Assembly today March 22, 2001



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**Support Our Right to Hunt and Fish!
Sign Our E-Petition Below**

Our visitors are also encouraged to print out, sign and circulate the hard copy version of our petition in Adobe Acrobat format.

If you don't have the Adobe Acrobat Reader, click on the icon below to get it for free.



YES!

I want to protect hunting and fishing rights for future generations. Add the Right to Hunt and Fish to the Wisconsin Constitution!

Proposed Amendment to Article 1 of the Wisconsin Constitution:

"Individuals have the right to fish, hunt, trap and take game subject only to reasonable restrictions as prescribed by law."

(Only completed forms with full addresses will be accepted. All signatures will be submitted to the Chief Clerks of the Wisconsin State Senate and State Assembly).

Name:

Address 1:

Address 2:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Email:

Phone Number: