

House Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee
Testimony on HB 2709
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I no longer hunt, not because I am not capable, but because of the shortage of upland game birds. When I was 10 years old, I would walk hedge rows hunting quail. One time when there was snow on the ground, I came across a large amount of feathers. Someone had been road hunting and shot the whole covey on the ground (illegal). My dad taught me the proper way to hunt legally and to hunt during open season on specific animals. He also taught me safe hunting. I am 60 years old now and I'm appalled at what has happened to our society. I would be afraid to confront someone for hunting illegally for fear of being shot. Anyone that poaches, spotlights, or hunts illegally should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. With the rising lack of respect for hunting laws, I believe the fines need to be higher and jail time needs to be lengthened.

Respectfully,

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