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The Honorable Frank Farina
The Honorable Robert Godshall
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Dear Messrs. Farina and Godshall,

I'm writing on behalf of Jesus People for Animals, PETA's Christian outreach division, regarding your bill to allow the Pennsylvania Game Commission to authorize hunting on eight to 12 Sundays each year, thereby overturning a long-standing statewide ban on hunting on the Sabbath. While Jesus People for Animals opposes hunting God's creatures on any day of the week, we hope you'll drop the proposed bill and ensure that Pennsylvania's wildlife get at least *one* day of rest every week.

As you know, many people in your state have voiced opposition to this bill. Monday through Saturday, animals are forced to run for their lives. Animal families are torn apart, and many animals are badly injured when hunters miss their targets. The terror of being stalked and ambushed causes hunted animals to endure tremendous stress, and gunfire disturbs otherwise peaceful communities. According to the International Hunter Education Association, dozens of human deaths and hundreds of injuries also result from hunting in the U.S. every year. Increasing the number of hunting days, like increasing the speed limit on a highway, would lead to more accidents and deaths.

Sunday remains the one day on which animals in Pennsylvania are able to live their lives as God intended, in peace. Won't you affirm the beauty of His work by maintaining this modest ban and encourage your constituents to celebrate the natural world through hiking, photography, rafting, and other pursuits that don't come at the expense of a life?

Thank you for your consideration. I can be reached at 757-622-7382 or SarahK@peta.org.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Withrow King".

Sarah Withrow King
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