

CONGRESSIONAL
SPORTSMEN'S
FOUNDATION

To: **Hon. Cris Dush**
Chair, Senate State Government Committee

Hon. Steven J. Santarsiero
Minority Chair, Senate State Government Committee

Re: **Senate Bill 1155 – Sportsmen/Voter Registration**

Position: **Support**

Date: **10/5/2026**

Honorable Chair Dush, Minority Chair Santarsiero, and Members of the Senate State Government Committee,

My name is Kaleigh Leager, and I am the Manager, Mid-Atlantic States for the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF). I respectfully urge you to vote favorably on Senate Bill 1155 (SB 1155) – legislation that will give citizens the opportunity to register to vote when purchasing a hunting or fishing license at a government agency or office where licenses can be purchased. Because the documentation requirements for hunting and/or fishing licensure are similar to that for voter registration, providing this opportunity will improve government processes and create efficiencies for Pennsylvanians.

Founded in 1989, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) is the informed authority across outdoor issues and serves as the primary conduit for influencing public policy. Working with the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC), the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus (GSC), and the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC), CSF gives a voice to hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, and trappers on Capitol Hill and throughout state capitols advocating on vital outdoor issues that are the backbone of our nation's conservation legacy.

Sportsmen and women are a critically important voting demographic, and this legislation stands to increase their political participation. Increased political participation is not only important for sportsmen and women's issues, but for our democracy. SB 1155 seeks to provide another opportunity for eligible residents to register to vote, which is very similar to the previous "motor-voter" initiative.

Additionally, it is important to note that sportsmen and women play a tremendous role in Pennsylvania's economy. Pennsylvania is second to Texas in the sale of hunting licenses across the entire US. In 2025 alone, Pennsylvania's sportsmen and women generated more than \$125 million dollars in conservation funding for the Commonwealth and spent more than \$41 billion dollars on hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting, which does not include spending on items such as trips and travel, or license fees that were necessary for their participation. This spending helped fuel the outdoor economy, which comprised 1.7% of Pennsylvania's GDP.

Sportsmen and women play a vital role in sound wildlife management, and this legislation would encourage their participation in the political process where decisions that impact wildlife and their habitats, as well as

the many rural economies that depend on strong hunting and fishing participation, are often a point of focus by elected officials. I respectfully request that this Committee support the passage of SB 1155 and provide hunters, anglers, and trappers with a streamlined opportunity to register to vote. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony, and please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kaleigh E. Leager". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kaleigh" being more prominent than the last name "Leager".

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