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Testimony In Support

LD 265, An Act to Increase Opportunities for Hunters, Anglers and Sporting Camps by Extending the Seasons on Upland Game.

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Presented by David Trahan, Executive Director of the SAM Institute for Legislative Action

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Senator Dill, Rep. Nadeau, members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, my name is David Trahan, Executive Director of the SAM Institute for Legislative Action and I am testifying in Support of LD 265, An Act to Increase Opportunities for Hunters, Anglers and Sporting Camps by Extending the Seasons on Upland Game.

We would like to thank Senator Black for bringing this legislation forward. This bill would allow a new bird hunting opportunity at the end of September when fishing is still going on. This policy change would allow guides and rural communities to market combination hunting/ fishing trips, I can't find a reason why this isn't a good idea. It appears to help the local economies of rural Maine that desperately need jobs and new economic opportunity and, furthermore, I don't think this change would negatively impact either resource, we hope the committee supports this change.