

March 2010

Attention:

As a sports representative of a Federation, Club and/or Organization, I would like you to copy and distribute among your members the enclosed form letter concerning the use of the crossbow for hunting. Then, please have your members sign it and print name, address, city and state.

I would suggest that you send this form letter to the following:

**Assemblyman Robert K. Sweeney
Chairman of EnCo Committee
622 LOB
Albany, NY 12248
sweeney@assembly.state.ny.us**

**Senator Antoine Thompson
Chairman of EnCo Committee
902 LOB
Albany, NY 12247
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and/or to your local legislator.

We need your support for this crossbow bill. Let's get the message out by April 2010.

UNITED WE STAND

Thank you,

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Attention:

Re: Assembly Bill #A0924A, DelMonte and Senate Bill #S6793, Valesky

Authorizes the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to promulgate standards authorizing hunting with a crossbow by June 30, 2011.

The crossbow issue has been around since 2002, that is 8 years ago. For some reason this bill has been passed over and/or kicked around. The sports people think it is about time the legislature passes this bill. The State of Georgia passed the crossbow. In the first year the state brought in 1 1/2 million dollars. The second year the state brought in over 2 million dollars from sports people. With the financial problems in NYS this bill definitely would bring in added money for the treasury.

There are groups and sports people who are against this bill. Please, look at the facts and not the myths. Sometimes we get too emotional about an issue instead of studying the benefits, such as: Getting more hunters out into the woods, helping to reduce deer/car collisions, helping to reduce farmer crop damages, etc. Passing this bill is a win, win situation for economics.

New York and Oregon are the only two states that haven't authorized use of the crossbow for hunting. Usually New York State is the leader in conservation issues. What happened? The majority of NY sports people are for it. I would urge you, as a legislator, to listen to the people, for they are the ones who vote you into office and pay your salaries.

Let's hear a big YES from Albany!!

Sincerely yours,