

HB 724

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Dear John:

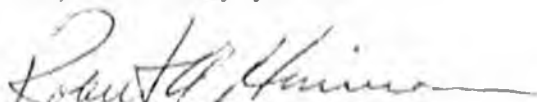
I'm writing, as a private citizen, to express my support for your bill (SSHB 724) and to express my personal thanks to you for approaching the problem of shooting along highways in a common-sense manner. Your efforts are appreciated by all those people who work with me.

HB 724 is, in my opinion, a good bill, and would cure the unsurmountable problems inherent in the present statute that closes the right-of-way of highways, trails, etc. It is agreed by all, I believe, that the present statute is completely unenforceable. Your bill, in establishing a zone 25 feet wide on either side of the road accomplishes the prevention of shooting on, across, or right next to a road without the unreasonable restriction to public recreation embodied in other bills. Note also that the enforceability of a narrow corridor such as this is much greater than those proposals which would establish a much wider zone. Almost everyone can be expected to be able to judge 25 feet fairly accurately, but many people would be inadvertant violators in trying to judge a quarter mile, especially in areas of timber and twisting roads.

I might add that I find CSMB 591 to be a completely unacceptable answer to the roadside shooting problem. First it addresses itself to big game hunters only, and not all shooters. Secondly, the half-mile corridor unnecessarily restricts hunting in a State where closures for various purposes are descending upon us en masse. Addition of the provision of local advisory committees to be even more restrictive without provision for straightening out the whole advisory committee system, and without providing for a legal method for them to establish, promulgate, etc., such regulations (presumably outside the restrictions of the A.P.A.), completely negate any value of 591, in my opinion.

Again, thanks for your support. Please feel free to make copies of these remarks available to other members of the House Resources Committee.

Very sincerely yours,



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