Weekly Republican Radio Address:
Hunting Drives State Conservation Efforts

MADISON, WI – Senator Terry Moulton (R-Chippewa Falls) offered the weekly Republican radio address today.

Changing leaves and cooler weather always make me think that it’s just about hunting season in Wisconsin. Bear season has already started and by mid-September, goose, wild turkey and archery and crossbow season for deer will all have started, too.

For people across Wisconsin, hunting is more than a pastime, it’s a time-honored tradition that brings family and friends together to enjoy Wisconsin’s great outdoors.

Wisconsin’s 1.5 million sportsmen and women also spend more than 4 billion dollars every year on hunting and fishing, which adds up to 377 million dollars in local and state taxes and supports nearly 56,000 jobs.

By purchasing licenses and tags and by paying excise taxes on sporting goods, Wisconsin outdoorsmen and women contributed more than 100 million dollars last year to state conservation efforts like habitat restoration, improved soil and water, and fish and wildlife research.

That’s why we’ve worked hard in Madison over the last few years to make hunting in Wisconsin easier and more accessible than ever before. Hunters can now purchase licenses and permits and report their harvests with just a few clicks on the Internet.

We’ve expanded our successful mentored hunting program to ensure that our sporting heritage and our beautiful Wisconsin wilderness is passed on to the next generation.

Our sporting heritage is really important to Wisconsin families, our economy, and to make sure that Wisconsin’s great outdoors are preserved for our kids and their kids. I hope this fall you’ll join the hunt and help us protect Wisconsin’s natural resources. Have a safe and happy hunt!

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