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**GOP Radio Address: Wisconsin's Great Hunting Tradition**

Hello, I'm State Senator Romaine Quinn, and I represent the northwest part of Wisconsin.

This weekend kicks off a treasured tradition in Wisconsin, the nine-day gun deer hunt. For people across the state, deer season brings family and friends together to enjoy our amazing Wisconsin outdoors.

Hunting here in Wisconsin is more than a pastime; it's a tradition passed down through generations. It's important we keep Wisconsin hunting traditions strong by encouraging our young people to participate in special youth hunts and the mentored hunting program.

Our regulated deer hunt dates back to 1851 and has been used as a conservation practice, as well as a way to feed our families and communities. This year's deer population is estimated at two million.

Remember, hunters are the greatest conservationists. Hunters keep wildlife populations in check while also funding millions of dollars in programming through license fees. And since 2003, your right to hunt is guaranteed by our state constitution.

Hunting is also a vital part of our state's economy -- generating millions of dollars in tourism, equipment, and local hospitality -- and bringing people and economic activity to communities across Wisconsin, especially our rural areas. It's also an essential component of Wisconsin's overall outdoor economy, which contributes $12 billion to the state's GPD and supports over 100,000 jobs in our state.

Our sporting heritage is important to Wisconsin families, our economy, and we must make sure that Wisconsin's great outdoors are preserved for our kids and the generations that follow. I hope you'll be joining me and hundreds of thousands of hunters to enjoy the great outdoors and help protect Wisconsin's natural resources. Have a safe and happy hunt and a happy Thanksgiving! Be safe, shoot straight, and good luck hunting!

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