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Dear Chairman Porter,

I am writing to you today regarding the upcoming committee hearing on SB2143, as a sportswoman who has hunted a large portion of my childhood and my entire adult life. Personally, I would never consider blaze pink gear as an option, instead I choose to take a more active role in pushing the industry to develop high quality women's gear that doesn't continue to feed gender stereotypes and the idea that women in the outdoors, actively hunting is a novelty. That said if other women have no such issues with pink, go for it! I do however, as someone who spends a considerable amount of time afield, hold safety in the highest regard. Through my research into the topic, information on the safety and visibility of blaze pink is limited to one non-peer reviewed survey. ONE. Compare that to what is out there demonstrating the visibility of blaze orange throughout various seasons. Not to mention the inability for "blaze" pink to be standardized as a color. There is no standard within the industry, and that leads to further questions on gear color consistencies and safety. As such, I urge you to recommend a DO NOT PASS on SB2143.

With regard to the 50% camo option within the bill. Again, I will stress the importance of safety. The sole purpose of blaze orange is to increase the visibility of one hunter to another. If

50% camo is allowed for big game hunting, that DECREASES a hunter's ability to be seen by other hunters. Again, considering SAFETY as a top priority, I urge you to recommend a DO NOT PASS on SB2143.

Thank you for your time & consideration,

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"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."?? ~ Aldo Leopold