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Hon. Keith Gillespie
Chair, Game and Fisheries Committee
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Hon. William C. Kortz II
Democratic Chair, Game and Fisheries Committee
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

RE: Hearing on SB 147, Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Honorable Representatives Gillespie and Kortz,

Established in 1961, the Ruffed Grouse Society/American Woodcock Society (RGS/AWS) is dedicated to uniting conservationists and improving wildlife habitat and forest health. Under the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, hunters provide the vast majority of funding for conservation programs. An ample and engaged population of active hunters is critical to provide financing and advocacy in support of the natural resources that ultimately benefit the citizens and economies in all states. With this in mind, we ask for your support and leadership to report favorably on SB 147, that would provide Sunday hunting opportunities for Pennsylvanians. We recognize not all hunters would choose or be able to take advantage of Sunday hunting; however, there are limited opportunities for the legislature to address the numerous barriers and conflicting obligations of lapsed, current, and potential new hunters. Passage of SB 147 is a simple, immediate step that *can* be taken to benefit Pennsylvania's current and future sportsmen and women. We urge your careful and swift consideration to act on this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

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