

House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation
Honorable House Representative Gary Howell Committee Chair
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SUBJECT: HB 4080 Legislation on the May 6, 2021 meeting agenda

May 2, 2021

Honorable House Representative Howell and Committee Members,

As in our letter to the House Committee back in February of this year, my wife and I as longtime aging deer hunters and Life Members of the Michigan Bow Hunters Association as well as National Rifle Association and many other State and National outdoor recreational oriented organizations, oppose HB 4080 as written for the Thursday, May 6th House Committee meeting.

In the case of House Representative Beau Lafave and his physical limitations, crossbow cocking mechanisms like the Ten Point Crossbow Companies ACUdarw device, which reduces cocking pressure of a crossbow to the point that it requires only the strength of the average person's index finger on one hand are available to assist crossbow hunters with limitations like his.

With all of the accessories assisting the disabled archer utilized by the Physically Challenged Bowhunters of America and Michigan based Wheelin' Team 457, an organization nominated to the Michigan Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame to keep disabled bowhunters afield participating in archery season or competing in competition. A Medical Professional should be advocating these accessories.

Products for those with physical disabilities from a company called Be Adaptive can be found at this website <https://beadaptive.com/products/>

The Archery Trade Association (ATA) has also taken a position of not supporting the use of equipment like the Airbow in archery seasons let alone recognize it as archery equipment because as innovative as the Airbow is for a piece of shooting equipment, it lacks the basic components of standard archery equipment (e.g., string system and limbs). The ATA position can be found at this website <https://archerytrade.org/about-ata/position-statements/>.

There are two additional points on the pneumatic gun for disabled individuals in archery season;

- 1) In the language of HB 4080 since a "pneumatic gun" is to be considered a firearm for the purpose in the amended version of PA 451 of 1994, and "Pneumatic Gun" would be described as any implement, designed as a gun, that will expel a BB, Bolt, Arrow or Pellet by spring, gas or air will this open the door for other arrow bolt launching tools

like the Ruger firearm 10/22 rifle, with a conversion barrel that allows arrow bolts to be fired by using a "blank" firearm cartridge be used in the archery season for the disabled?

- 2) Would HB 4080 open opportunities for other Pneumatic Guns that discharge arrows as well as .50 caliber BB capsules to spread shotgun like patterns for small game OR a .50 caliber lead bullets? And if so, would Pneumatic Guns with those capabilities be a possible option in archery season for those who meet the requirements of disabled?

The concern of my wife and I as well as many others, is the future, history and integrity of Michigan's Archery Season. Archery season is for archery equipment. Michigan Hunting Laws are complex and numeral. HB 4080, would make them even more so in our opinion.

Sincerely,

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