

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter because I am a responsible outdoors and hunting enthusiast who would like to see the hunting regulations in our state be amended to allow the expanded use of airguns as a legal weapon for taking game. Airgun technology has improved greatly and airguns are more capable than ever before. Traditionally air rifles have been available in small calibers only (.177, .22, and .25), but with the advent of pre-charged pneumatic air rifles it is not uncommon to see rifles chambered in .30, .35, .45, or even .50 caliber. These guns are capable of producing substantial muzzle energy which makes them capable of humanely taking game animals. Unfortunately current regulations allow only limited use of air guns for hunting purposes, which is why I am writing you.

Many states such as Arizona, Michigan, and Texas have already made concessions to allow the use of airguns on big game such as deer, black bear, hog and antelope, and in these states hunters have successfully taken game with their air rifles. The techniques used in airgun hunting are very similar to those used in bow hunting and as such they contribute greatly to the "fair chase" mentality. Airgunners rarely take shots from more than 50 yards away, they will typically hunt from blind or tree stands thus reducing errant shots, and due to the relatively short effective range of air rifle projectiles they run far less risk of projectiles traveling long distances and striking unintended targets. Airguns are also much quieter than standard firearms thus reducing the noise pollution of hunters who are shooting in areas that may be near livestock or dwellings.

Airgunning is one of the fastest growing shooting sports, and as such the technology related to airguns continues to grow. Airguns are capable of more than ever before and it's time for the hunting laws in our state to reflect that change to allow greater use of these tools in the field. Many sportsmen, just like me are interested in the added challenge that using an air rifle brings to hunting. Seeing these laws change is important to us. We know that your influence on lawmakers in our state can be a huge asset to hunters and sportsman and we look forward to working together to make the future of airgun hunting bright.

Respectfully,

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Name

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Signature

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City, State

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Date

\*\* For your consideration I have included the following links to more information about airguns and their use as it pertains to hunting.

<http://www.airgundepot.com/hunting-guide.html>  
<http://www.crosman.com/get-hunting/hunting-with-airguns>  
<http://www.pyramydair.com/blog/ethical-airgun-hunting/>  
<http://www.airforceairguns.com/Articles.asp?ID=309>