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**Written Testimony for the Senate Resources and Environment Committee meeting of Feb 26, 2020**

Mr. Chairman,

I am submitting written testimony in favor of H 493 in lieu of in person testimony as I have a conflicting Veterans Administration medical appoint at 1 PM on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February.

I am a combat disabled Veteran with a VA rating of 80%. Because of my disabilities I am unable to penetrate as deeply into the hunting units in search of game as a fully capable hunter and when I harvest game, I am unable to pack it out great distances. Because of this I choose to hunt archery and muzzleloader seasons as those seasons are generally less crowded and generally happen earlier than the crowded general rifle season and before the game has been driven deeper into the units by hunting pressure.

The issue is that when I go to purchase my licenses and tags that the muzzleloader and archery certifications are eight times the cost of my DAV combined hunting and fishing license.

This bill reduces this cost and returns parity to the relative cost of certification to DAV license.

I ask that you pass this out of committee with a Do Pass recommendation to the floor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MAJ', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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