

To:
Onondaga County Legislature
Onondaga Supreme and County Courts House
401 Montgomery St #407
Syracuse, NY 13202

I support expanding the types of wildlife that can currently be hunted with a centerfire rifle in Onondaga County to include big game.

Centerfire rifles have been a legal hunting implement for the taking of small game (and varmints and predators) for many years in Onondaga County.

In all of the counties contiguous to Onondaga County, centerfire rifles are classified as a legal hunting implement for the taking of big game. Onondaga County is one of the few counties in New York State that does not allow you to hunt deer with a centerfire rifle.

Counties that have a higher population density allow the use of centerfire rifles for hunting big game (Orange County has a population density approximately three (3) times that of Onondaga County).

The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation and other law enforcement agency's records show no increase in number, or severity, of firearm related hunting incidents attributed to centerfire rifles as a legal hunting implement for the taking of big game in counties which have recently changed to allowing centerfire rifles for big game hunting.

I ask that the Onondaga County Legislature propose a "home rule" resolution asking the state legislature to "Expand the types of wildlife that can currently be hunted with centerfire rifle in Onondaga County to include big game."

Sincerely,

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

County: _____

Date: _____