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**Chairman Robert Sweeney,
Environmental Conservation Committee**

Legislative Office Building 544
Albany, NY 12248

RE: A924

sent by e-mail: Sweeney@assembly.state.ny.us March 28, 2010

Dear Chairman Sweeney:

The League of Humane Voters® of New York opposes the legislation proposed in Bill A924, sponsored by Assemblywoman Francine DeMonte, which is currently before the Environmental Conservation Committee.

This bill would allow the use of crossbows in hunting. Crossbows are short-range lethal weapons from which the projectile is released by squeezing a trigger rather than by manually releasing the string as with a longbow.

Crossbows require much less skill and experience than longbows -- therefore it is primarily attractive to inexperienced hunters. Inexperienced hunters are much more likely to cause accidents than skilled, experienced hunters. In Ohio, where hunting with crossbows is now legal, a father shot his 14 year old son in the chest killing him.

Disabled hunters, depending on their disability, may not be able control the release of the projectile as precisely as required for safe and accurate placement and timing; and again, depending on their disability, may not be able to effectively track and dispatch a wounded animal. Longbow hunting has a crippling rate of 50% (animals hit but never recovered); with disabled people participating in crossbow hunting that crippling rate is sure to increase sharply.

It makes little sense to open up another modality of hunting that invites in less experienced and less skilled hunters. It essentially assures more hunting accidents, higher crippling rates and greater cruelty.

Basic concerns for human safety, and a reduction of the crippling rate of wildlife demand that hunting with a crossbow not be added to the modalities of hunting.

We ask for your opposition to this ill-conceived legislation.

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Speaker Sheldon Silver,
New York State Assembly
Legislative Office Building 932
Albany, NY 12248

RE: A924

sent by e-mail: Speaker@assembly.state.ny.us March 28, 2010

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**Chairman Antoine Thompson,
Environmental Conservation Committee**

Legislative Office Building 902
Albany, NY 12248

RE: S6793

Sent by e-mail: athompso@senate.state.ny.us March 28, 2010

Dear Chairman Thompson:

The League of Humane Voters® of New York opposes the legislation proposed in Bill S6793, sponsored by Senator David Valesky, which is currently before the Environmental Conservation Committee.

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**Conference Leader John Sampson,
New York State Senate**
Legislative Office Building 409
Albany, NY 12248

RE: S6793

Sent by e-mail: sampson@senate.state.ny.us March 28, 2010

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