

March 19, 2024

Colorado General Assembly  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
200 E Colfax  
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Chairwoman Gonzales and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

We, the undersigned organizations, write to you on behalf of tens-of-thousands of Colorado hunters, anglers, wildlife conservationists, and outdoor enthusiasts to share our collective opposition of Senate Bill 24-131, Prohibiting Carrying Firearms in Sensitive Spaces.

While sportsmen and women share the underlying goal of promoting responsible firearm ownership across the state, SB24-131, as currently written, proposes to restricts hunters from carrying or possessing firearms within State Wildlife Areas. Colorado Parks and Wildlife's State Wildlife Areas are state owned properties purchased with revenues collected from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses for the express purpose of providing public hunting and angling access. Prohibiting the use of firearms and consequently hunting opportunity on these properties is an unacceptable standard.

In many parts of the state, State Wildlife Areas provide the only hunting access in near proximity. Further, CPW conducts a multitude of other important public programs on these lands, including but certainly not limited to youth hunter programs—a program that necessarily requires firearms and serves tens of thousands of Coloradans annually, perpetuates our rich hunting traditions, and which would be threatened directly by SB24-131.

For the reasons stated above, we respectfully request that you vote "NO" on SB24-131, and so doing continue to invest in our states wildlife, public hunting access, and our states investments in conservation.

Sincerely,  
Members of the Colorado Wildlife Conservation Project

