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JARCHOW STANDS WITH HUNTERS

Madison— Today, Rep. Adam Jarchow (R-Balsam Lake) introduced the Right to Hunt Act. Hunting is more than a tradition in Wisconsin, it is a constitutionally protected right. Unfortunately, some extremists from an anti-hunting group have recently been harassing hunters in Northern Wisconsin. This small group of extremists is led by a convicted felon. They actively follow hunters around with cameras, interrupt their hunts and generally try to make life miserable for them. Some go so far as parking at the end of the driveway of a hunter so they can start following them around as soon as they leave home for a morning hunt. This activity is not only obnoxious, it's dangerous.

We have learned in our discussions with law enforcement and game wardens that while this activity is likely illegal, the current law is difficult to use and enforce. Thus, we worked with some local law enforcement professionals, hunters, hunting groups and DNR to craft language that would strengthen the current law by broadening the definition of protected activities and enhancing penalties.

Jarchow said, "As a lifelong hunter, it is totally unacceptable to me that any group of extremists would set out to ruin somebody's hunt. We wait all year for those few glorious days in the woods. The thought of having those days ruined by an extremist group makes me sick."

Jarchow continued, "They can engage in lawful protests until they're blue in the face, but interfering with, and harassing, hunters is reckless and unacceptable. With the number of kids today who are content to remain indoors watching TV or surfing the internet, it is imperative that we do everything in our power to encourage them to engage in family-friendly outdoor activities like hunting. I hope this bill will end the harassment and will result in more people feeling comfortable in the woods."

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Representative Jarchow proudly represents the 28th Assembly District which consists of parts of St. Croix, Polk and Burnett counties.