

Statement on House Bill 79
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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, My name is Jack Puckett and I'm here representing the Big Sky Upland Bird Association and myself as a bird hunter.

What a pleasure it is to come here to support a Bill that is positive for wildlife and land management.

Habitat Montana has had a positive effect not only for providing better habitat for wildlife but as a way for maintaining farms and ranches in agriculture and away from future development. By taking the sunset out of the program this Bill (79) will provide the necessary tools for maintaining wildlife habitat into the future.

Thank you for this opportunity to respond to HB 79.