



# ENDANGERED SPECIES COALITION

**On April 5, there was a public hearing on [crucially important legislation](#) that would ban hunting with lead ammunition in Maine.** Lead is an extremely toxic substance. We've removed it from gasoline, water pipes, paint, and other sources of contamination to humans. **Comments can be submitted until the Work Session, currently scheduled for April 14.**

Now we have an opportunity to join other states that have transitioned away from lead ammunition to protect wildlife from deadly lead. **Millions of birds and other species that feed on carrion become sickened and die from lead poisoning every year.** It's time to get the lead out!

**[Please submit written and/or oral testimony in favor of this bill.](#)**

The legislation ([LD 1015](#)-An Act to Ban Hunting With Ammunition That Contains Lead), would prohibit the use of lead ammunition while hunting in our state. Lead alternatives are widely available, increasingly competitive economically, and would spare our treasured wildlife the agony and death caused by lead poisoning.

**In Maine, not only are bald eagles dying, but Maine's Hunters for the Hungry Program distributes donated "game" meat without x-raying it for lead fragments.**

You can submit testimony at this link:

[https://www.mainelegislature.org/testimony/?fbclid=IwAR3Q\\_2GJLzqyySW5t3HuK-qDmI0DY4HQGP6tHCu2NEaCdEL9YGQ64EbQ4c4](https://www.mainelegislature.org/testimony/?fbclid=IwAR3Q_2GJLzqyySW5t3HuK-qDmI0DY4HQGP6tHCu2NEaCdEL9YGQ64EbQ4c4)

Thank you!

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