

[New York Bowhunters Red Alert](#)

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NYB President Martin Seeley has asked me to contact you regarding an urgent matter. As you can see from the below letter the pro cross bow advocates are making an all out push for full xbow inclusion in archery season.

The pro crossbow crowd is hiding behind the youth, female, senior, disabled and military veterans and attempting to use them for their own selfish desire to have a full inclusion crossbow bill passed.

The archery season as we knew it is slowly and methodically being decimated by greed. The DEC is using skewed surveys to justify these atrocities. All of you joined NYB to protect archery hunting. You've faithfully paid your dues which allowed NYB to exist and for that we are grateful. The Officers and BODs each spend hundreds of hours a year (at zero compensation) to defend your bowhunting rights. We can't continue without your assistance. The future of archery season depends on your immediate action.

Please follow the directions below and write, email & call the contacts given. If you have any physical disabilities or are of senior (or young) age or are a veteran, please mention that in your contact. If you are a female bowhunter, please let them know it. If your wife or girlfriend bow hunts, please have them email, write and call as well.

As you'll see below, the pro crossbow crowd is pulling out all stops to convince legislators and the DEC that there is only a handful of radical, selfish nut jobs that are opposed to the crossbow in archery season. That the majority of bowhunters in NY State want the crossbow to be included in archery season for everyone, that it will solve the state's financial problems and be beneficial to the deer herd. (Not so beneficial to the deer that were part of the 40% wounding rate that crossbow users had in an Ontario study involving 2,251 hunters and 33,500 days!)

NYB has legislative power not because of the trips to Albany several of us make each year, but because of your response in the past to

let the legislators know how the bowhunters of New York feel. We need your help again make your voice heard,

Thank you,

Richard Kirschner – Vice President NYB

Myself (Dave Kosowski), Kevin Armstrong and Gary Socola were invited to appear on a panel in the Buffalo area to discuss crossbow issues. This was generated by the newly elected Senator Patrick Gallivan in our district which extends from the east side of Buffalo all the way to Canangaigua Lake. We were led to believe we would be sitting down with crossbow people and discuss issues back and forth so that the Senator could better understand the issues. What it turned out to be was an all out assault on NYB and bowhunting in general. It turned out to be what the Senator called an "Official Public Hearing" that was to be entered into the record. We were all given 5-minutes to say our piece and had no opportunity to debate any issues. After our presentation, people in the crowd were allowed to voice their opinions, which was 95% pro-crossbow & anti-bowhunting statements Also in attendance was an aide from ENCON chair Senator Gristanti as well as Assemblyman Ceretto and Assemblywomen Jane Corwin both from pro-xbow Niagara County. The Senator plans on using the info gathered from this bush whack session PLUS ADDITIONAL INFO GATHERED FROM OTHER PERSONS RECEIVED THROUGH FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3RD and get together with his neighboring Senator Grisanti (ENCON chair) to draft a crossbow bill. The club house was packed to the rafters with crossbow advocates.

These were the general themes heard that night;

1. People are not participating in the archery seasons because they cannot use the xbow,
2. The xbow is no more effective than a compound bow with a 20 to 30 yard range,

(Then why do they all use a scope to shoot 20 yards, and why does the "Dial-a-Range" system on the Horton crossbow have clicks to zero in the scope out to 60 yards, etc etc.)

3. The physically challenged & seniors & youth cannot bow hunt with out the use of a xbow, (you should of seen all the able body men complaining that a hangnail will not allow them to draw a bow or allow them to use a draw-loc device.)
4. The xbow lobby does not want to have a xbow ed class, does not want to pay any extra fees (no xbow stamp please), and wants full access to all the archery seasons that bowhunters have worked so long and so hard to create.
5. The DEC needs to be granted the regulatory authority to allow for xbow usage. This was the most dangerous of all the statements as the DEC has stated in their 5-year plan they will implement the xbow in all the bow seasons. If anything, we need to pull back on the DEC's regulatory authority with their plans to systematically decimate our bow seasons with the introduction of firearms & muzzleloaders during bow season plus the proposed taking away use of various archery tags throughout the state. If the DEC has their way, the bow seasons as we know them now will cease to exist.

Although the three NYB reps gave facts that disputed all of the above, we were severally outnumbered.

Senators Gallivan and Grisanti want input. I expect each and everyone of you to give it to them **ASAP**. Write a letter, call and email. The more the better. Let their office know you are bowhunter, (If age, female gender, veteran status, disability apply, mention this). Let them know you **OPPOSE** crossbow use in archery season. Mention your safety concerns, statistical data proving crossbows drastically increase wounding rates on deer and any other reasons you have. Secondly you need to contact your own local Senators and Assemblypersons on the matter as well as our friend, ENCON chair Assemblyman Robert Sweeney and let him know your feelings. I trust you all will not disappoint NYB!!!

Below are addresses for contacting Senator Patrick Gallivan as well as the two ENCON chairs Senator Grisanti and Assemblyman Sweeney. Please act on this request ASAP. Senator Gallivan plans to discuss a xbow bill with Senator Grisanti by the end of the week.

Senator Patrick Gallivan e-mail gallivan@nyenate.gov	
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Assemblyman Robert Sweeney (Assembly ENCON Chair) e-mail: sweeney@assembly.state.ny.us	
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