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RE: Request for use of bow style that addresses my handicap VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT
Dept. of Justice ADA Division case # requested
Reference medical information provided for Permit to Modify Archery Equipment

Dear Commissioners,

Several years ago you issued a permit for me to use modified archery equipment due to a progressive shoulder condition. You have this in your files. Because of the injury I lost the ability to draw and release my recurve bow. I have been a longbow and recurve bow hunter for about 60 years.

I tried a compound bow and could not hold it up as it was too heavy. Your "allowed" (allowed by lobbyists) solution was a bow that was even heavier and/or had to be supported on a brace or hung from a tree. Also, it took two or more people to draw and lock it. Which, is mitigated as the law also requires I be babysat while hunting. None of that is on the application or on the permit. Thank you for the ambush.

This of course is not permissible under the Americans with Disability Act or MCA 49-2-101 (19) and 49-2-308. Nor is your printing of exclusions for disabled people. Rather you are mandated to be inclusive under all but dire and specific circumstances. None of which apply here.

That being said I am asking for a reasonable accommodation to overcome my disability. As is allowed in 35 states, and all states and provinces surrounding Montana I am asking that I, and all others similarly situated and aggrieved, be allowed to chose to use a crossbow during archery season if that is the best modification for us.

Also, you issued me an either sex elk tag for the Missouri Breaks. Of course I can't use it without a crossbow. The breaks are mainly federal property and the ADA is a federal law. To use your bias based on style of bow I must use is to deny me reasonable access to public land, public wildlife, hunting rights guaranteed under the Montana Constitution Art 9 Sec 7 and civil rights under the referenced MCA and the ADA.

Thank you for your consideration,


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