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POSITION STATEMENT ABOUT CROSSBOWS

ATA believes crossbows are viable shooting and hunting equipment and provide shooting and hunting opportunity for a segment of America's hunters. Crossbows are subject to the Federal Archery Excise Tax and thus are considered archery equipment by the Internal Revenue Service and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Excise taxes on crossbows contribute about 10% of the total Pittman Robertson program funding collected from the entire archery industry.

ATA leaves the seasons and regulations governing the use of crossbows for hunting to each state wildlife agency. When possible, ATA believes each type of hunting equipment should have its own season and regulations, especially if it reduces conflicts between hunters. ATA does not support a reduction in the length of archery seasons to accommodate a separate season for crossbows. Finally, ATA believes that when populations of wildlife like deer are overabundant that state agencies should make use of every possible type of hunting equipment – including crossbows - and that all hunters who qualify and are able to help control and manage deer serves the public good.