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Sportsmen's Caucus Considers Innovative Solution to Feed the Hungry

The [Delaware Sportsmen Against Hunger](#) program has provided approximately two million meals for needy Delawareans over its more than two decades of operation. That assistance may now be in jeopardy.

The Delaware Sportsmen's Caucus -- a group of bipartisan legislators, state wildlife officials, sportsmen, and others that collectively consider hunting and fishing issues -- met this week to discuss the threat.

Caucus Co-chair, State Rep. Jeff Spiegelman, R-Clayton, (*in photo, center*) said demands by insurance companies that butcher shops carry liability coverage to take part in the program has led to a dwindling number of shops willing to donate their services. In the current season, only four shops are processing deer.

Pat Emory, with the Division of Fish & Wildlife, briefed the caucus on an initiative to train work-release prisoners to process deer. Teaching inmates to cut meat could capture dual benefits, providing ex-offenders with a marketable skill, while providing a way to turn harvested deer into venison meals for families in need.

The caucus will explore the proposal further later this year.