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**Comments related to SB 620:
hunting of sandhill cranes, wildlife damage abatement assistance and claim payments for
damage caused by sandhill cranes, and making an appropriation.**

Sierra Club opposes SB 620.

The legislature is not in a position to conduct the necessary stakeholder deliberation, tribal engagement, and public input processes before creating rule around a hunt. Wisconsin can not afford to have politics remove the critical science-based analyses and stakeholder deliberation, including tribal engagement. The legislature should not be mandating hunts.

Moreover, Sandhill cranes are an important migratory species and the eastern Sandhill crane has a low reproductive rate and are in a population recovery status across most of their range. Juvenile sandhill cranes could easily be confused with other, endangered cranes, like the whooping crane, causing even worse impacts.