



# Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Celebrates Deer Hunting Opener

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## REP. TOM EMMER:

Hi everyone, Congressman Emmer coming to you today on the cusp of a big weekend in the great state of Minnesota. It's the deer hunting opener. For many Minnesotans, hunting is a way of life. Like most of you, I enjoy spending time in the great outdoors. I grew up hunting. My kids grew up hunting. This is one of the many ways that we are able to spend time together and these memories are cherished forever. However, hunting and shooting actually are so much more than a fun family pastime and part of our state's heritage. Hunting actually is a vital part of our state's economy. Currently, there are nearly 500,000 individuals that hunt in the great state of Minnesota each and every year. And these folks generate more than \$90 million in tax revenues for our state on an annual basis. In addition, every year these men and women spend \$733 million and generate \$417 million in salaries and wages all across Minnesota. Now these numbers are impressive on their own, but when we look at the ripple effect of more than \$1 billion a year, it's incredible. I'm proud to support our hunting community and I wish a safe and successful deer hunting opener to all.

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