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VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

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RE: LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS BY HUNTING GUIDES

Dear Chairman Collins:

At our last meeting the Wildlife Commission were apprised that some guides from the State of Nevada were going forward with proposed Legislation to remove them from the overview of the Wildlife Commission for the State, as well as them attempting to create their own separate review process and stand alone as an administrative organization. At the Wildlife Commission meeting, in speaking to my fellow Commissioners, we are absolutely against such Legislation and strenuously oppose same in every respect.

The basis for the Commission's opposition to this is many, it begins with the fact that guides impact the very wildlife resources the Commission, by Nevada statute is to manage and protect. Our concerns for wildlife and habitat in the State of Nevada as a Commission naturally require that hunting guides come within our auspices and review in all respects since by the guides very nature, they interact with the wildlife and habitat that we by law must manage and care for as a valuable resource of the State of Nevada.

Additionally, the Wildlife Commission as you are well aware, has a County Advisory Board process that is in place whereby these individuals could avail themselves of a procedure to bring any issues before the Commission, as well as making all Advisory Boards for Wildlife in the State aware of their requests and having same aired publicly in the forum that is currently in existence and followed by many other groups and organizations. Therefore, their legislative attempt at this juncture would be duplicitous of that well established County Advisory Board process and subsequent review by the Wildlife Commission in this important area. I am by this correspondence requesting you

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and your Committee, as well as the Legislature in general to oppose and not support the guides Legislative requests.

Lastly, as Chairman of the Wildlife Commission, I am placing this matter at the next available meeting on the Commission's Agenda as informational so that we may publicly explore with the Commission and the guides exactly what issues they have so that we may send same out to the County Advisory Boards on Wildlife in our State for subsequent review and input. I believe that this process is the one the guides should follow and not seek Legislation to remove them from Commission review. Thanking you in advance for your continued support of the Wildlife Commission and our efforts in the State of Nevada. I remain,

Very truly yours,



John T. Moran, Jr.
Chairman

cc: State of Nevada Wildlife Commissioners

Terry Crawforth, Administrator

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