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For all of you who did not want Gerald Lent reappointed as chairman, I don't know where you obtained your information but you didn't do your homework. For that reason, I would like to issue a challenge to all of you who didn't want him as chairman.

I will compare what you have done for sportsmen in Nevada against Mr. Lent's accomplishments. For openers, he has fought for sportsmen for over 30 years. How many years have you been involved in sportsmen's issues? When I say involved, I mean attending legislative sessions in Carson City for over 25 years. Wildlife Commission meetings statewide, county advisory board meetings and many other meetings for over 30 years, most of them at his own expense. In addition, he served on the Washoe County Advisory Board for 6 years.

I am only allowed 3 minutes and believe me, it isn't enough time to list all his accomplishments. He was part of a group of sportsmen responsible for the Duck Stamp program which produces revenue every year for waterfowl hunters. That was way back in the 1970's. Where were you at that time and what were you doing for waterfowl hunters?

The Wildlife Commission was a board of 7 with only 2 sportsmen. Now it is a board of 9 with 5 sportsmen which make up the majority. He was responsible for this sportsmen's majority. Today, 3 of you sportsmen would not be sitting here today on the Wildlife Commission if it were not for Gerald Lent.

Gerald Lent discovered that the Big Game Tag Draw conducted by NDOW was illegal and was responsible for an audit on the Big Game Tag Draw in 1989. Here are some of the findings in that State Audit.

There is virtually no control over adjustments or changes made to the draw system records. This results in a very high risk that someone could change the results of the draw. Due to the poor control environment, we were unable to obtain sufficient documentation and evidence to allow us to conclude that the exceptions and errors we discovered were, in fact, instances of abuse or illegal acts.

Because of these illegal acts, he wrote the bill to privatize the Big Game Tag Drawing. Now every sportsman that applies for a tag can now thank Gerald Lent for having a tag draw that isn't rigged by NDOW. In order to accomplish this, it required going to two legislative sessions to ensure that NDOW didn't have its hands in the tag draw.

Gerald Lent is responsible for \$350,000 to \$400,000 for predator control. This means there are more game birds and animals for Nevada sportsmen.

As chairman, he has worked closely with all county advisory boards. At the June 22 Washoe County Advisory Board meeting, the minutes state the Wildlife Commissioners have listened to the County Boards for quota recommendations. At the May meeting, he worked with the Elko County Advisory Board and Washoe County Advisory Board to help NDOW biologists to put items on the agenda. He broke a tie last year in favor of the Clark County Advisory Board to give hunters a later waterfowl opening date. He made a motion for recommendation to give Lincoln County a spike bull elk hunt after the Commission had turned it down. As I have a time limit restraint, I suggest you read the HUNTER'S ALERT newsletter for 4 other points that will benefit all Nevada sportsmen for which Mr. Lent is responsible. It is undeniable that Chairman Lent has worked for many County Advisory Board concerns. How can you people expect him to support your future projects when you have presented these vicious attacks? These personal attacks are from a few people who have their own motives for prompting this conspicuously orchestrated attack.

His accomplishments are certainly more than any person or group that put you up to this bogus scheme. Whoever put you up to this must have approved of the corruption in NDOW that was rampant before Gerald Lent got involved.

In closing, you need to return to your source of information and let them know you were led down the wrong path.