



## Office of the Governor

June 23, 2010

Gerald Lent, Chairman  
State Wildlife Commission  
5100 West Acoma Road  
Reno, NV 89511

Dear Jerry:

The Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association (NOGA) has brought to my attention that the Wildlife Commission will soon be discussing the prospect of amending NAC 502.4237. Therefore, since I was part of the almost unanimous original passage of NRS 502.147 in 1993, I want you to know, I still support the original language from 1993.

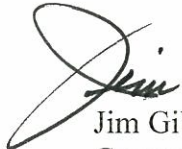
I believe that Nevada has one of the best values in the west for hunters. I supported the passage of NRS.502.147 in 1993 because of the importance of wildlife to our state. Moreover, we need to consider the economic value of the guiding industry to our rural communities. We, as a state, should not be taking any action that discourages non-resident hunters from applying to hunt in Nevada.

The fiscal impacts that this regulation has had on the outfitting industry in the last four years have been detrimental to our businesses and our state. As shown by a Systems Consultant's graphs, the Nevada Department of Wildlife has lost revenue by not allowing non-resident hunters to apply in the general draw after being unsuccessful in the non-resident guided draw. Economic surveys indicate that the average expenditure by an outfitter client is much higher than the average hunter because they stay longer and spend substantially more than resident hunters.

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Nevada Outfitters provide a service to non-resident hunters throughout the state and it would behoove us to provide the non-residents every opportunity to draw a tag and enjoy our wildlife and other activities unique to our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Gibbons", with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

Jim Gibbons  
Governor

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Cc: Ken Mayer  
Rachel Buzzetti  
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