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Dear Chair Wallace:

Thank you for your work on behalf of Nevada's wildlife and sportsmen. Public safety is important to all of us. However, the current proposal by Nevada's Department of Wildlife to create a new statewide regulation (R111-17) defining safe hunting distances is a "one-size-fits-all" approach that should be rejected entirely by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

My Assembly district covers seven Nevada Counties—Esmeralda, Humboldt, Lander, Mineral, and Pershing Counties, nearly all the land area of Washoe County, and a large section of Nye as well. It encompasses over one-third of the state, approximately 38,000 square miles. In only one of these counties—Washoe—has this been a significant issue. Moreover, it has been addressed already by the Washoe County Commission, and that is how it should be. Each county, as it sees fit and as the need arises, can make the rules that best fit that county's unique situation. This also provides the flexibility to make the law reasonable and correct problems quickly, as the citizens have nearly immediate access to their elected county commissioners.

Finally, I would note that if, in fact, a statewide law is necessary regarding hunting distances, the correct place to accomplish this is through the Nevada Legislature. Please reject this regulation (R111-17), which is a severe violation of "local government, local control."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ira Hansen".

Ira Hansen
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