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Members of Idaho Chapter,
The Wildlife Society

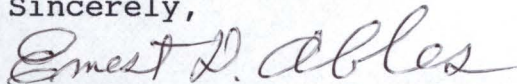
Dear Colleague:

Wildlife conservation organizations, including The Wildlife Society, in the United States are engaged in a coordinated effort to enact legislation that would provide funding for nongame wildlife conservation, recreation and education. This effort is directed toward gaining support for national legislation that would place a small surcharge on outdoor equipment. This is the equivalent of the long-standing Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson Acts that presently provide funding for wildlife and fish conservation and management.

We, as consumers of outdoor products, need to let manufacturers and recreational equipment outlets know that we support this initiative and urge them to commit their support. Enclosed is a sample letter to equipment manufacturers and distributors along with a list of the top ten companies targeted for support. Local distributors throughout the state such as REI, Gart Brothers, and Payless are also a priority. I am asking you to send a personal letter based on the enclosed sample to each of these companies plus any other organization or company you feel should be included. Copies of brochures entitled "*Teaming with Wildlife*" and "*Common Cents for Wildlife*" are enclosed for reference. Either Christine Saxton (334-2920) or Wayne Melquist (334-2920) of the Idaho Fish and Game Department in Boise has a list of local distributors and extra copies of the brochures for your use.

We need to get these letters out as soon as possible. Your help will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the Initiative, feel free to call me, Christine or Wayne.

Sincerely,



Ernest D. Ables, President

cc: Saxton/Melquist, IDFG