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February 16, 2005

Representative Larry Jent  
Chair, House State Administration Committee  
State Capitol Building  
Helena, Montana  
Sent Via E-Mail and Facsimile

Dear Representative Jent:

On behalf of the National Rifle Association members in Montana, we would like to voice our support for House Bill 712 (Heinert). This measure seeks to bring Montana's sporting community into the arena of civic involvement through voter registration.

The concept of the Hunter/Voter program has been a recent priority for the NRA in states where the outdoor sports is such a part of the economic and cultural landscape. A similar program was passed by an overwhelming margin in Georgia in 1994, where increased voter registration numbers are promising. We would like to see such progress in Montana.

Another key component of this program is that it provides a wide net of contact opportunity that may not be made available otherwise without spending funds on voter outreach. While the Help America Vote Act has been a success where implemented, Hunter/Voter can reach into communities on the local level where people meet and gather.

Again, we would like to issue our strong support for HB 712 and respectfully ask for your "aye" vote when it reaches your committee.

Sincerely,

Carolyn L. Herbertson  
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# Montana Shooting Sports Association

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Asserting the Rights of Gun Owners in Montana

February 18, 2005

State Administration Committee  
Montana House of Representatives  
Montana State Capitol  
Helena, Montana 59620

Re: HB 712

Dear Representatives,

The Montana Shooting Sports Association is statewide and is the primary organization advocating the interests of hunters.

We approve of HB 712. We ask you to give it a do pass.

Sincerely yours,

Gary Marbut  
President

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Travis Mann,  
Sportsman's Warehouse  
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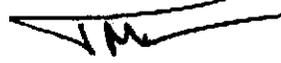
Members of the Montana Legislature:

I am sending this letter to let you know that I support the efforts to make voter registration more available to Montana sportsmen and that I do not believe it would be an undue burden to have voter registration cards available for people who come to our store.

Sportsman's Warehouse is one of Montana's largest sporting goods stores and vendors of hunting and fishing licenses. This bill would provide an opportunity for our customers to become more involved in the civic process.

As long as the legislation does not require stores to post signs or give up display space for the program and keeps those aspects of the program optional, I think that it would be a good idea to have hunting and fishing license vendors keep voter registration cards available. Since I cannot come to Helena, please accept this as my written testimony.

Thank you,



Travis Mann

Paul Beister  
Canyon Store  
Wolf Creek, Montana

Members of the Montana Legislature:

I am sending this letter to let you know that I support the efforts to make voter registration more available to Montana sportsmen and that I do not believe it would be an undue burden to have voter registration cards available for people who come to our store.

Canyon Store is a small business and we don't sell as many hunting and fishing licenses as some of the bigger stores in the major cities, but we do provide that **Service to our customers**. This bill would provide an opportunity for our customers to become more involved in the civic process.

As long as the legislation does not require stores to post signs or give up display space for the program and keeps those aspects of the program optional, I think that it would be a good idea to have hunting and fishing license vendors sell voter registration cards available. Since I cannot come to Helena, please accept my written testimony.

Thank you  
PAUL Beister

