SENATE FISH AND GAME
EXHIBIT NO. 5
DATE 1-17-13
BILL NO. SB 118

Montana Sportsmen ALLIANCE

Voice of Reason on Montana Fish and Wildlife Issues

TO THE SENATE FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS COMMITTEE:

RE: SB 118- "AN ACT SETTING ASIDE CERTAIN SPECIAL HUNTING LICNESES FOR RESIDENTS WHO ARE 65 OR OLDER"

POSITION: Montana Sportsmen Alliance hereby goes on record **OPPOSING** this bill based on the following reasons:

- **All resident applicants must be treated equally regardless of age or any other criteria, except for preference points, when dealing with special licenses of this caliber.**
- Goat hunting is arguably the most physcially demanding big game hunt in Montana and it is highly likely that only a very small percentage of 65 and older hunters can handle this hunt.
- Sheep tag opportunities seem to be on the decline and this bill will make the current low statistical probability of being drawn even worse for those not 65 or older.

Once again we would like to state our **OPPOSITION for SB 118.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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