

EXHIBIT 12
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SB 395

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RE: Family's Afield

Dear Senator Boulanger,

My name is Mark Anderson and I am writing to let you know my family supports the "Family's Afield Legislation" that is currently up for review. My son, Damon and I have been going back to Minnesota (MN) for the past two years to allow him to hunt deer. He shot his first deer at the age of 10 while he was with me in our deer stand. Last year he shot his first buck with his grandfather and both have been great experiences! I called the MN DNR to find out why they decided to promote the youth hunting program in MN. The lady I spoke said that they have found that if they wait until the age of 12 the kids are so busy with other activities they never try hunting. She also said that if they get kids out hunting with their parents at the age of 10 the kids get hooked. My son is definitely hooked!!

Damon recently turned 12 and passed his hunter safety course in Stevensville. We are looking forward to hunting turkey this spring and big game hunt this fall in Montana. I realize that our opportunity has passed but I want to encourage the Senate to vote "YES" on this legislation which will encourage kids to hunt in a safe controlled environment.

Sincerely,



Mark Anderson