

EXHIBIT 16
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SB 395

Survey message to Representatives,

I would urge you to oppose SB 395. This is a daddy tag bill and has been supported by guides and outfitters. As a means to reduce large herds of artificially inflated female elk and deer populations and turn a profit when restricting public hunting.

In a recent state wide survey of Montana households 89.7% STRONGLY supported Hunter Education. Of that number 32.2% were 55 year old voting age females. It is amazing to me that the Senate ignored the will of the people.

The hunting community STRONGLY supported Hunter Education with 88.5% consider it important. I find this very interesting to ignore not only women but hunters as well.

Hunter Education Instructors also appose this legislation by 88.8% on the very important side.

In all three surveys over 88% considered Hunter Education Important. This is a huge group of voters.

The survey tells what the general public is looking to maintain. This is a slap in the face to OUT OF STATE INTERESTS. Many gun deaths have occurred in the states with the youth apprentice program. A child blew his fathers head off with a twelve gauge in a duck boat, another child blew his mentors heart out from behind.

As a child I remember the radio broadcasting the many deaths from guns every fall. Yes we still have some, but they are severely reduced because of the seeds planted thru Hunter Education.

Our Montana State Hunting accident report includes travel to and from hunting. A Russian Sputnik could hit a hunter traveling on the Interstate and it would be considered a hunting accident. The youth apprentice program is not required to report any such incidents.

Hunter Education is only 12 hours of required education. Is 12 hours too much?

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