

To Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

Mr. Vice-Chairman and members of the committee:

I enjoy hunting and fishing when I get the opportunity. Those opportunities are fewer today because much of the hunting locations are leased by outfitters and guides. I do not oppose guided hunts, however, in recent years those guided hunts are taking place on public lands.

I requested Wildlife and Parks to ban guide hunting on public lands. They have initiated a ban, but all the guide needs to do is state that he is a private hunter.

Being on a list as a guide or outfitter will provide the enforcement person the data to protect public lands from illegal guided hunts.

I support Senate Bill 301 as it will protect public lands from overhunting and provide private individuals more access to hunting.

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