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Dear Friend,

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Not a year goes by that hunting and fishing are not threatened by special interest groups dedicated to eliminating the sports we cherish.

To assure that our children and grandchildren will still be able to hunt and fish many years into the future, we have drafted legislation that makes hunting and fishing a right protected by the New Jersey State Constitution.

Bills we sponsored - Assembly bill ACR-186 and Senate bill SCR-61 - guarantee the right to hunt and fish, and stipulate that public hunting and fishing be the preferred means of managing and controlling non-threatened wildlife.

Our legislation ensures that sportsmen and women will no longer be vulnerable to special interests intent on abolishing this important part of our heritage.

As you know, hunting and fishing are key contributors to our economy.

- \* Every year across the country, hunters spend close to \$25 billion at the retail level for everything from gas and food to travel and gear.
- \* Hunters contribute \$955 million in sales and fuel tax revenue that is directly attributable to hunting.
- \* Almost 600,000 jobs are sustained entirely by hunting, with total annual salaries of \$16.7 billion.

Hunting and fishing means too much - to those of us who enjoy these pursuits and to the economy - to allow it to be threatened by misguided reactionaries and ill-conceived legislation.

That's why we are asking you to help get our constitutional amendment passed and guarantee that our right to hunt and fish will be protected for many generations to come.

**We have enclosed a petition that you can sign and return to join our efforts. We want to ensure that support for this important initiative is brought to the attention of the**