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Good Morning, for the record, I am Henry Krenka, President for the Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you about the Nevada State Wildlife Commission.

Originally..when the State Wildlife Commission was created...the original makeup was to be composed of 17 elected men..one from each county. It was to be their responsibility to manage, as wisely as possible, the game and fish in the state. Each county in Nevada was to have a voice in proclaiming how it's wildlife should be used through its county game management board.

It's become clear that this is not the case in the State Wildlife Commission board anymore and it has become members of special interest groups. At the present time there are no County Advisory members on the State Commission. There are some on sub-committees but they don't get to vote.

There is a lack of transparency from the State Commission. It does not have a member representing Outfitters and Guides. Outfitters and Guides, and sportsmen have the experience to provide viewpoints on resources and conservation and the Commission ignores their concerns. These groups are out in the field and see the wildlife on a year-round basis. Conservation is a high priority. Outfitters/Guides, Sportsmen and the Public have been ignored for so long that they don't attend and voice their concerns at the State Wildlife Commission meetings.

In the past, the State Wildlife Commission's decisions have had a financial effect on Rural Areas in Nevada. There was a financial ripple effect when the State Wildlife Commission made illegal regulation changes. The changes effected the financial income for Guide and Outfitters businesses, convenience stores, motels, supermarkets, restaurants, taxidermists, butchers, and sporting good stores...to name a few.

I hope you will consider supporting a commission to help Protect Nevada's hunting industry and its rural economies.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter!

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