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To: Statewide Initiatives

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 2023-2024 #101

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## To whom it may concern,

I was in attendance virtually for the hearing today, 1/3/24, concerning 2023-2024 #101 and attempted to make comment & ask questions multiple times but was not recognized as having my hand raised, nor was I able to unmute myself (I tried and was denied) during the appropriate times. I would like to submit comment on the proposed measure and will include it here.

The proponents have argued that "trophy" hunting is the primary reason for this initiative and that the industry, not the proponents, have developed that characterization. I fundamentally disagree and I believe they are using misleading language in order to foster support. A 2023 survey conducted by the Outdoor Stewards of Conservation Foundation, which surveyed both hunting & non-hunting members of the public, found that only 12% of the public moderately or strongly opposes hunting when it is done for wildlife management. However, the same survey found that that number jumps to 65% if hunting is done "for a trophy". Further, the articles submitted by the proponents to support their claim of an "industry characterization" were only of Colorado outfitters, but only around 24% of hunters use outfitter services for their hunts. This mischaracterization is what is supporting their claim to keep the words "trophy" in the title setting process. This is misleading and should be removed.

Thank you,

**Hunter Sansone**