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February 22, 2012

Daniel W. Richards  
President, CA Fish and Game Commission  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320  
Sacramento CA 95814

Dear Commissioner Richards:

We were very disappointed to see you involved in the killing of a mountain lion in Idaho, an animal that the people of California have given special protection through the passage of Proposition 117. It appears that in addition to the slaying of the animal, you took extra efforts to publicize that unfortunate incident.

In California, we are very proud of our laws. They are a representation of our collective values; especially the bold, forward-looking laws directly passed by the voters that elevate an issue as important to the protection of precious species. California has been a world leader at taking bold steps in many areas of public policy that serve as a model for other states in the union and other countries to follow. We hope that through our efforts at being good stewards of the environment, we can proudly lead a dignified campaign to raise world-wide standards in these areas.

Your actions have raised serious questions about whether you respect the laws of the people of California and whether you are fit to adequately enforce those laws. Without the proper credibility to hold such an important representative position as the one you hold, you can only succeed at one outcome, eroding the public's confidence and trust in their government. Not only are your actions unbecoming of a top ranking state wildlife official, but they do a disservice to responsible, ethical hunters who respect the animals they hunt and are committed to wildlife conservation. While your actions may not have been illegal in Idaho, they show a lack of judgment and a disregard for how such actions would be perceived by California citizens, many of whom find such actions offensive, and who rightly expect those entrusted with protection and management of our fish and wildlife to carry out their duties with respect for our state's laws.

For this reason, we would respectfully request that you resign from your position on the California Fish and Game Commission. We hope that you decide to put the people of California and their collective values first and that this unfortunate incident does not continue to distract the work of the Legislature.

Sincerely,



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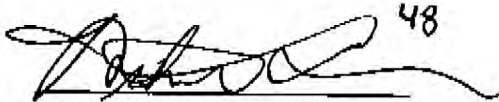
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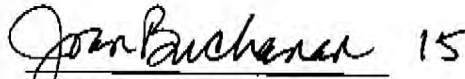
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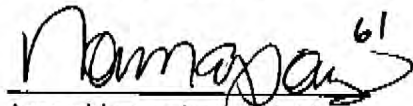
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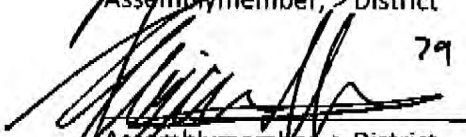
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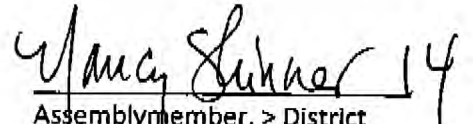
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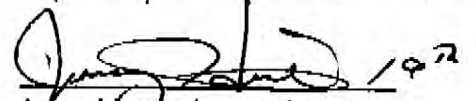
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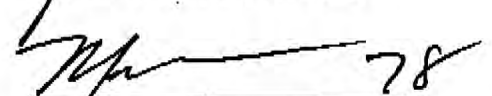
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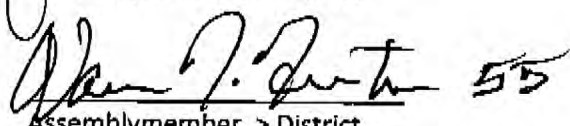
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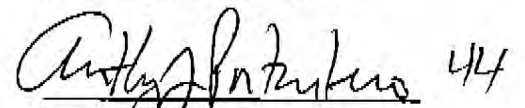
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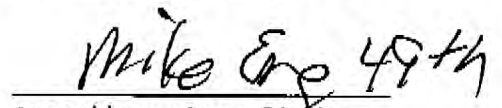
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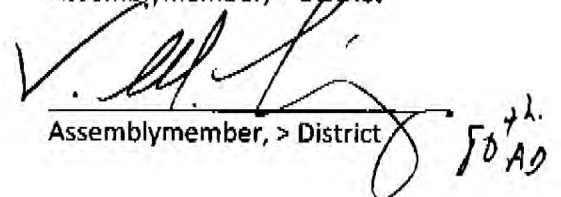
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**Cc:** Governor Jerry Brown  
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