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Idaho Fish & Game Commission  
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Attn: Mr. Brad Compton

December 14th, 2006

Dear Mr. Compton,

Thank you for speaking with me on Dec. 12th.

The Fifty Caliber Institute (FCI) ([www.fiftycal.org](http://www.fiftycal.org)) is an educational and political advocacy group representing the membership of the Fifty Caliber Shooters Assn., Inc. (FCSA) ([www.fcsa.org](http://www.fcsa.org)) and the manufacturers of .50 BMG rifles. FCSA has been in existence for 21 years and we have members in all 50 of the United States and in 22 foreign countries. We publish a quarterly periodical called *Very High Power* and we sanction all 50 BMG shooting competitions in this country.

I apologize for not submitting our letter of opposition prior to this, but we were just made aware of the proposed regulation changes on Dec 10th. In my discussions with you, you indicated that our attendance at your scheduled open house meetings that were held this week would not preclude our input from being included into the final report to the commissioners. We appreciate that. Thank you.

I'm writing on behalf of our members who reside in Idaho regarding your solicitation for input from the public on proposed changes to the hunting regulations of Idaho due to technological changes in firearms since 1991. *"Currently, Idaho does not impose a maximum caliber restriction for firearms used to hunt big game. Some hunters are concerned about the "fair chase" aspects of long-range cartridges and have requested a rule change to prohibit the use of 50 caliber or larger centerfire cartridges."* (taken from the IDFG website on 12-14-06)

We have been asked by our members to oppose this change in regulations as being too restrictive and discriminatory to a wide array of 50 caliber firearms that have been legitimately used for hunting purposes for many decades.

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