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The Honorable Robert J. L'Heureux
State Representative
94 Back River Rd.
Merrimack, NH 03054

Dear Rep. L'Heureux:

I have received your letter of January 30, 2006. For your information, the New Hampshire Firearms Coalition, Inc. is an organization of law abiding firearms owners, manufacturers and dealers. We are an all volunteer organization representing the interests of firearms owners.

It is our policy, when writing to a Representative or Senator to copy other elected officials from that particular official's district if the matter in question is specific to the district. In the case of Mr. Alan Rice's letter to you, we had intelligence that indicated that the constituent who requested the amendment to HB1302 was not happy with the vote at last years town meeting regarding the so called Horse Hill Nature property in Merrimack. This constituent wanted hunting and target shooting to be banned on the property. We do not agree with this. I feel that it was wholly appropriate to make Reps. Mooney and Hinkle aware of our concerns by copy of Mr. Rice's letter to you.

Nashua Fish and Game Association's (NFGA) property is located within the borders of Merrimack and many of it's members reside and own businesses in Merrimack. Mr. Rice and I brought the matter to the attention of that organization's Board of Trustees. The NFGA Board voted unanimously to oppose the amendment. We feel, that as written, your amendment could have allowed towns to ban the possession of firearms on public roadways; the roads are town owned property. This was of great concern to NFGA because their members must travel on Merrimack owned roads to reach the NFGA property. They travel with firearms in their vehicles. If the proposed amendment were to become law and Merrimack were to enact an anti

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gun ordinance it could negatively affect the members of NFGA. It was very much appropriate to send a copy to Mr. David Lavoie in his capacity as President of NFGA.

We could have copied these parties without noting it on the bottom of the letter. However, that would have been in bad faith and discourteous to you.

When HB1302 is voted "Inexpedient to Legislate" we will notify our membership as well as Reps. Hinkle and Mooney and Mr. Lavoie of that fact.

In light of the foregoing, Mr. Rice will not be sending an apology to you, he has done nothing that he needs to apologize for. He did his job!

Finally, you should also know, that HB1302 as originally written is something we will oppose because it enables one town, Bow to prohibit all forms of hunting with any firearms other than shotguns. This is prejudicial and sets a bad precedent for the rest of the state.

The New Hampshire Firearms Coalition, Inc. will continue to represent the interests of our constituents who are law abiding firearms owners, manufacturers and dealers on issues of importance.

I hope that I have explained our policy in these matters to your satisfaction. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Respectfully,

Robert Corsetti
President - New Hampshire Firearms Coalition, Inc.

cc: Alan M. Rice, Treasurer - New Hampshire Firearms Coalition, Inc.