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Dr. Schaffer,

I extend my sincere appreciation for your service on the Wyoming Wildlife Task Force. The amount of time and effort you provided to our great state, her wildlife, and our hunting heritage is impressive. I fear that if you had known the time, effort and the degree of the public's interest in matters before the task force launched, you may have declined to serve. Fortunately for the people of Wyoming, you not only accepted the position, but went above and beyond.

Our intent was to bring a group together with diverse perspectives to study some of our most challenging and public facing wildlife policy issues. The team certainly met this mark and did so in exceptional fashion. Your work included significant public engagement and review of volumes of information prior to making decisions. Your dedication garnered credibility for the entire body of work. Your study of important topics like wildlife habitat, the allocation of hunting opportunity, hunting access, landowner licenses and funding priorities for conservation dollars were well aligned with the issues most important to Wyoming's wildlife enthusiasts. The fact that you concluded with 14 recommendations with many passing on a unanimous vote reflects the quality of your work and the group's ability to seek common ground.

These are complex issues with passionate advocates on all sides and I appreciate your willingness to tackle them knowing they would require personal sacrifice. On behalf of the citizens of our state, I thank you for your professional and thoughtful service.

Sincerely,

Mark Gordon
Governor