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Dear Archery Industry Supplier:

Although you may have read or heard about the North American Bowhunting Coalition, I would like to personally introduce you to this organization, whose sole purpose is to protect and enhance bowhunting, the sport that has provided so much to all of us.

The NABC is a coalition of state, provincial and national-level bowhunting organizations, most likely including your own state or provincial organization, that have united to respond to recent threats to bowhunting and work proactively for its future. As in the past, most state and provincial organizations work closely with their respective government entities and DNRs. Unfortunately, as many of you are aware, bowhunting is now facing threats on national and even international levels that require a unified response. There are international threats from anti-hunting groups to end all bowhunting; and state, provincial and national campaigns to place non-archery weapons into our hard-fought-for seasons.

The need for a national and even international organization to address these issues became very clear over the course of two National Bowhunting Summits held in April and August of 2005. Those summits of the organized bowhunting community across this continent identified specific concerns and clarified the need for a central organization to address them.

The support from these individual organizations and the rank and file bowhunters they represent – your customers – has been overwhelming. Their investments in time, money, commitment and expertise have quickly transformed an idea into a powerful coalition that will now be there to stand up for bowhunters - at state, national and international levels.

While collectively the NABC is relatively new, as individual organizations our record of protecting and promoting bowhunting across the continent is historic and strong. We will still be there for bowhunting as we have always been; only now, we will be there together!

And as bowhunters and bowhunting organizations we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge you, the businesses that have helped build this sport. We use your products and buy at your shops. We know that you are often the most dedicated bowhunters in your area. We know that, often for little return and long hours, you understand the unique challenges of bowhunting and supply the products that have allowed us all to enjoy such a great sport. Thank you.

As partners with similar interests for the future of bowhunting, we invite you to continue communicating with the NABC about strengthening that future together. We will have a communications link on our new website, www.nabowhuntingcoalition.com, which will be available soon. Also attached is a To Whom It May Concern letter/statement with its 72 independent signatories identifying the crossbow in bow seasons as their greatest concern for the future health of bowhunting.

Again, thank you for your time, interest and continued support. We look forward to a bright future for the sport that we all enjoy so much.

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To Whom It May Concern,

The representatives of 32 state and provincial-level bowhunting organizations met on April 17-18 in Springfield, Missouri at the first "NATIONAL BOWHUNTING SUMMIT". The purpose of the summit was to share information and develop strategies to resolve issues of greatest concern and to establish a permanent communications network of bowhunting organizations that will work together on behalf of bowhunting.

A major issue addressed by the summit attendees was the use of crossbows during archery-only hunting seasons. It was immediately apparent that the attendees were unified as being strongly opposed to the use of crossbows in any bowhunting season. State and provincial representatives unanimously agreed that crossbows are not bows and should not be allowed in archery-only seasons.

A hunting bow is recognized as a compound, recurve or longbow that is hand-drawn and that has no mechanical device to enable the hunter to lock the bow at full or partial draw. Crossbows, on the other hand, are locked at full draw by a trigger, utilize a rifle-like stock, have rigidly controlled internal ballistics, can readily be shot from a rest and typically use a telescopic sight. A crossbow's characteristics are so vastly different from those of conventional bows that summit attendees agreed that crossbows would negatively impact bowhunting seasons if allowed in archery-only seasons.

While the group recognized and supported the rights of hunters who choose to use other legal weapons in separate hunting seasons, they stood unanimously opposed to any effort to establish hunting season regulations where the ultimate aim is the inclusion of crossbows in bowhunting seasons or in archery-only areas.

The below signed organizations and bowhunting-related businesses have joined the National Bowhunting Summit conferees in believing that, in order to preserve the integrity of bowhunting, it is vital that crossbows not be permitted in bow seasons or archery-only hunting areas.

Respectfully,

Alabama Society of Traditional Bowmen
Alaskan Bowhunters Association
Alberta Bowhunters Association
Alberta Traditional Bowhunters
Archery Big Bucks of Missouri
Archery Past (OR)
Association of Traditional Hunting Archers
Bayou State Bowhunters (LA)
Bob's Archery Sales (CO)
Bowhunting Council of Oklahoma
Bowhunters of Alabama
Bowhunters of Wyoming
Carolina Traditional Archers
Colorado Bowhunters Association
Compton Traditional Bowhunters
Georgia Bowhunters Association
Green Mountain Traditional Bowhunters
Horse Creek Traditional Archery Club (FL)
Idaho State Bowhunters
Idaho Traditional Bowhunters
Illinois Bowhunters Society
Indiana Bowhunters Association
Iowa Bowhunters Association
Iowa Traditional Bowhunters Society

Kansas Bowhunters Association
Lone Star Bowhunters Association (TX)
Maine Bowhunters Association
Maine Traditional Archers
Maryland Bowhunters Society
Massachusetts Bowhunters Association
Michigan Bow Hunters Association
Michigan Traditional Bowhunters
Minnesota Bowhunters, Inc.
Mississippi Bowhunters Association
Missouri Bow Hunters Association
Montana Bowhunters Association
Nebraska Bowhunters Association
Nebraska Traditional Archers
New York Bowhunters, Inc.
North Carolina Bowhunters Association
North Dakota Bowhunters Association
Northern Bowhunters Association (AB)
Ohio Bowhunters Association
Oregon Bow Hunters
Pennsylvania Association of Traditional Hunting Archers
Pope and Young Club
Professional Bowhunters Society
South Carolina Bowhunters Association

South Dakota Bowhunters, Inc.
Suburban Whitetail Management of North Georgia
Suncoast Archers, Inc. (FL)
Tallahassee Bowhunters Association (FL)
Traditional Bowhunters of California
Traditional Bowhunter Magazine
Traditional Archers of New Jersey
Traditional Archers of Oregon
Traditional Bowhunters of Florida
Traditional Bowhunters of Georgia
Traditional Bowhunters of Montana
Traditional Bowhunters of Washington
United Bowhunters of Connecticut
United Bowhunters of Illinois
United Bowhunters of Kentucky
United Bowhunters of Missouri
United Bowhunters of New Jersey
United Bowhunters Pennsylvania
Virginia Bowhunters Association
Wakulla Archery Club (FL)
Washington State Bowhunters
Washington State Archery Association
West Virginia Bowhunters Association
Wisconsin Bowhunters Association