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Honorable Members of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission  
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission  
2200 N 33<sup>rd</sup> St., Lincoln, NE 68503

**Regarding: Proposed Changes to Chapter 4, Section 1 (General Regulations Governing Wildlife Species) of the Nebraska Administrative Code**

Honorable Members of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission,

On behalf of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF), thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to Section 1 of Chapter 4 of the Nebraska Administrative Code. In response to this open comment period, CSF would like to state our support for the proposed change to Sub-part 001.01B2 regarding the size of shot that may be used in a shotgun to hunt turkey. We would like to request that this comment letter be included as part of the hearing record associated with this proposed change.

Since 1989, CSF has maintained a singleness of purpose that has guided the organization to become one of the most respected and trusted sportsmen's organization in the political arena. CSF's mission is to work with Congress, governors, and state legislatures to protect and advance hunting, angling, recreational shooting and trapping. The unique and collective force of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus, and the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses, working closely with CSF, and with the support of major hunting, recreational fishing and shooting, and trapping organizations, serves as an unprecedented network of pro-sportsmen elected officials that advance the interests of America's hunters and anglers.

The decision to allow turkey hunters to utilize shot sizes that are smaller than #7.5 opens the door for hunters to take advantage of advances in shotshell technology, like the development of tungsten super shot (TSS). The properties of TSS shotshells, which can be loaded with shot as small as size #9, allows hunters to use shotguns chambered as small as .410-bore to harvest turkeys ethically and effectively. This, in turn, creates additional opportunities for young and smaller-framed hunters who use lighter firearms with significantly less recoil. Given the national decline in hunter participation observed during the past 30 years, opportunities to make hunting more accessible are critical to the success of hunter recruitment, retention, and reactivation (R3) efforts designed to reverse this trend.

Again, CSF supports the proposed change to Chapter 4, Section 1, Sup-part 001.01B2 that would allow the use of shot sizes smaller than #7.5 for turkey hunting. Approval of this change will allow all hunters to take full advantage of improving technology, such as the development of TSS, while opening the door to young and smaller-framed hunters who have historically been limited to firearms that are too heavy or generate too much recoil for enjoyable use.

Thank you again for your time and consideration on these matters. If you have questions or would like any additional information, please feel free to contact me using the information below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kent Keene". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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