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California Fish and Game Commission  
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Dear Executive Director Mastrup,

I would like to take a moment to support the efforts to create a third commercial hunting permit designation for use by non-profit and service club fundraising. Many clubs throughout California use hunts to raise money for community projects, and I believe a permit process for one or two day events would benefit them greatly.

I learned of the middle ground between licensed hunting clubs and commercial hunting permits by way of the Pixley Lions Club. I have had the pleasure to represent the citizens of Pixley twice in my elected career, once as a Tulare County supervisor and currently in the State Legislature. Like many of California's rural communities, Pixley takes care of its own while dealing with its own set of challenges.

As you may know, the Lions Club is a global community service network. The Pixley Lions Club has been instrumental in serving its small, rural community of approximately 3,300 people. They host educational events, provide scholarships, collect and distribute toys to needy children, and enable eye exams and glasses for those who can't afford them. Our Pixley Lions Club has embodied the essence of service.

For the last 45 years, the Pixley Lions Club has conducted a one-day pheasant hunt fundraiser with commercial hunting license permit. While the club did not fit the current definition of a licensed game bird club or commercial hunt, the DFW was lenient in its application due to the club's charitable impact on the community. I believe that the Commission would be wise to create a special permit for such events that are held statewide for fundraising benefits.

Again, I appreciate the work of the Commission to remedy this grey area for the betterment of all parties and I thank you for your consideration. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my District Office at (559) 636-3440.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Connie Conway".

Connie Conway  
Assembly Republican Leader