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## RC 053

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Dear Board Members,

Much has been touted about the economic contributions of nonresident hunters to Alaska. Rarely if ever, however, are the economic contributions to our economy from resident hunters mentioned.

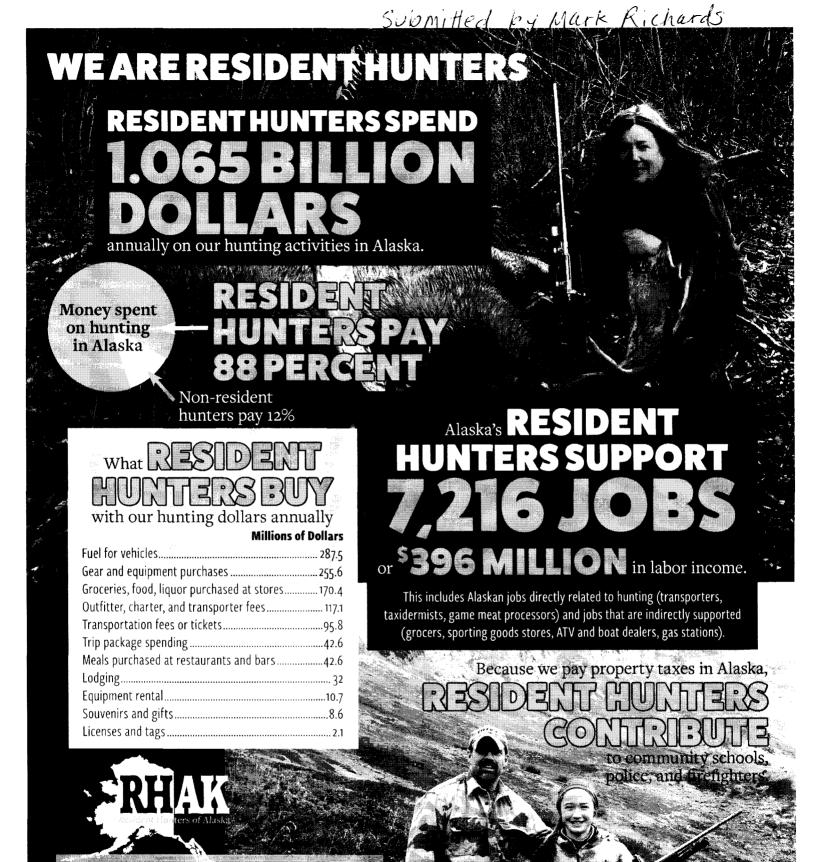
We compiled this chart (attached) from a study done by ECONNorthwest in 2011 for the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, titled "The Economic Importance of Alaska's Wildlife in 2011" that is hosted on the ADFG website at this link:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=ongoingissues.economicstudy

This study was presented to the Board of Game in 2014. Resident hunters live here year-round, pay property taxes, contribute to schools and first responders, and we want to stress that more resident hunting opportunities and continued opportunities drive the economic contributions of hunting in Alaska.

Sincerely,

Mark Richards Executive Director Resident Hunters of Alaska



Resident Hunters of Alaska is dedicated to enhancing and prioritizing opportunities for Alaskan resident hunters in accordance with responsible wildlife management, focused on preserving our Alaskan hunting heritage for future generations.

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Source: The Economic Importance of Alaska's Wildlife in appropriate March 2014, Prepared by ECONorthwest for the Alaska Department of Fish & Game J