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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

# WE ARE RESIDENT HUNTERS

## RESIDENT HUNTERS SPEND 1.065 BILLION DOLLARS

annually on our hunting activities in Alaska.

Money spent  
on hunting  
in Alaska

## RESIDENT HUNTERS PAY 88 PERCENT

Non-resident  
hunters pay 12%

What **RESIDENT  
HUNTERS BUY**  
with our hunting dollars annually

Millions of Dollars

Fuel for vehicles.....	287.5
Gear and equipment purchases .....	255.6
Groceries, food, liquor purchased at stores.....	170.4
Outfitter, charter, and transporter fees.....	117.1
Transportation fees or tickets.....	95.8
Trip package spending .....	42.6
Meals purchased at restaurants and bars.....	42.6
Lodging.....	32
Equipment rental.....	10.7
Souvenirs and gifts.....	8.6
Licenses and tags.....	2.1

Alaska's **RESIDENT  
HUNTERS SUPPORT  
7,216 JOBS**  
or **\$396 MILLION** in labor income.

This includes Alaskan jobs directly related to hunting (transporters, taxidermists, game meat processors) and jobs that are indirectly supported (grocers, sporting goods stores, ATV and boat dealers, gas stations).

Because we pay property taxes in Alaska,  
**RESIDENT HUNTERS  
CONTRIBUTE**  
to community schools,  
police, and firefighters

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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.

Join today at [www.residenthuntersofalaska.org](http://www.residenthuntersofalaska.org)

Source: "The Economic Importance of Alaska's Wildlife in 2004" published March 2014. Prepared by ECONorthwest for the Alaska Department of Fish & Game.