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May 3, 2012

Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism
Senator Geoff Hansen, Chair

RE: MUCC support of SB 984

Dear Chairman Hansen and members of the committee,

Second amendment rights are very important to sportsmen and women across this state and around the country. Without the ability to purchase, possess, and transport firearms, many of our greatest outdoors traditions would not be allowed to continue.

Originally, federal firearm laws prevented the interstate sale of firearms except for the purchase of long-guns from federally licensed firearm dealers to purchasers in contiguous states.

Senate Bill 984 would allow citizens of this state to purchase a rifle or shotgun from other states not contiguous to Michigan as long as the state follows federal firearm regulations.

MUCC believes this is a common sense change for an antiquated long-gun sale and purchase system, for there is no reason why purchasing a shotgun from a non-contiguous state should not be allowed while it is perfectly legal to purchase the same shotgun from a contiguous state.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support of SB 984.

Sincerely,

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March 28, 2012

Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism
Senator Geoff Hansen, Chair

Re: Support of SB 984

Dear Chairman Hansen and members of the committee:

Thank you very much for your consideration of this letter.

Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) supports and appreciates the efforts of Senator Casperson and the members of this committee in bringing up Senate Bill 984.

Senate Bill 984 will be a welcome step in streamlining the antiquated process for purchasing shotguns and rifles out of state. We see no logical reason why a lawful Michigan resident can purchase a long-gun in Indiana, but would then be prohibited from purchasing the same long-gun in Kentucky.

We feel this is common sense legislation that can have a positive effect for sportsmen and women in this state.

Sincerely,

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