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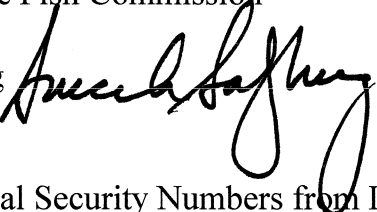
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MEMORANDUM

To: Wyoming Game & Fish Commission

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Re: Collection of Social Security Numbers from License Applicants

Date: June 14, 2010

At the July Game and Fish Commission meeting, the Commission will be voting on whether to require each applicant for hunting or fishing licenses in Wyoming to provide his or her social security number.

42 U.S.C. §§ 654 and 666, portions of the Federal Social Security law dealing with grants to States for aid and services to needy families with children, set forth the requirements for States which receive Federal funding assistance. 42 U.S.C. § 654(20)(A) requires that the State “have in effect all of the laws to improve child support enforcement effectiveness which are referred to in [Section 666].” In turn, 42 U.S.C. § 666(a)(13) provides, in pertinent part:

In order to satisfy section 654(20)(A) each State must have in effect laws requiring the use of the following procedures...to increase the effectiveness of the program which the State administers under this part:

....
Procedures requiring that the social security number of –

(A) *any applicant for a* professional license, driver's license, occupational license, *recreational license*, or marriage license *be recorded on the application...* (emphasis added)

I understand that while the great majority of States complied with this requirement of federal law within a few years of its enactment, the State of Wyoming received an exemption through 2010 to allow the Game and Fish Department to develop its computer generated license system. Wyoming's exemption expires on December 31, 2010.

The failure to require that applicants for hunting or fishing licenses include their social security numbers as part of the license application process will put Wyoming out of compliance with this provision of Federal law, and may put millions of dollars in Federal aid to Wyoming at risk.

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