**Sample Letter to the Editor - Hunter / Sportsman**

As a **{hunter/fisherman/sportsman}**, I want my **{children/and/or/grandchildren}** to enjoy the same time-honored traditions which generations of Iowans have been afforded because of our precious natural resources. Iowa’s natural resources need to be protected. I call on our elected officials to make a lasting investment in our land by funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund which Iowans overwhelming passed in 2010.

**{Insert a few sentences specifically why the outdoors/hunting/fishing is important to you.}**

To ensure that generations to come will enjoy Iowa’s natural resources the way I have, we must invest in our future. In 2010, 63% of Iowans voted to establish the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. This fund is constitutionally protected to ensure 100% of the money is directed to conservation efforts. Yet, for the last six years, the fund has not received any dollars.

The solution is simple. The voters passed an amendment to the Iowa Constitution guaranteeing 3/8 of 1% sales tax increase would have to be spent on natural resources. It is expected to raise $180 million annually. While this will bring millions to conservation, the average Iowa family will pay less than $1 per week to fund the trust. It is a great return on investment for a cleaner, healthier Iowa and better quality of life for all Iowans.

I am urging our legislature to fund the trust in 2016. Please contact your lawmaker and ask them to do the same.