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## Support of Gun Rights To Continue, Holperin Tells Wisconsin Hunter's Rights Coalition

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In remarks this week to the statewide Hunter's Rights Coalition, Jim Holperin confirmed that his strong and long-standing support of 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment gun rights would continue if he is elected to the state Senate in November.

"My record as a state legislator was consistently pro-gun and pro-sporting rights," Holperin told Coalition members. "This reflected and respected the strong hunting heritage and culture of northern Wisconsin residents." Holperin served in the State Assembly from 1983 through 1994.

Holperin said he would support legislation to make Wisconsin the 49<sup>th</sup> state in the nation to allow "concealed carry" of certain firearms and, as important, would vote to override a gubernatorial veto of such a law, should that become necessary.

Holperin said he would also support proposals to allow "mentored hunting" by young people from age 10, as well as legislation to have the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Secretary appointed by the DNR Board rather than the Governor.

"The Coalition is very concerned about occasional attempts to pass legislation which would abridge certain gun and hunting rights and privileges," Holperin said. "This concern is certainly justified as the state becomes more urbanized, the average hunter age increases and fewer young people take up the sport."

Holperin said if elected he would lobby for a seat on the Senate Natural Resources Committee and planned to be an active advocate for hunter rights. "The sporting community needs more legislators willing to speak out on their behalf, especially among majority Democrats," Holperin added. "My record shows I've played that role before and I plan to do so again."

The Wisconsin Hunter's Rights Coalition is composed of several sporting organizations including the National Rifle Association, Wisconsin Bear Hunters Association, Safari Club, National Wild Turkey Federation, U.S. Sportsman's Alliance and Sporting Heritage.