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Mr. Chairman and committee members, for the record I am Jeff Hagener, Director of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP).

I appear before you today to testify in support of HB 450. This bill provides the use of a partial rather than a full social security number on an application for a recreational license, contingent upon the grant of an exemption from the federal government. Passage of this bill, and the grant of an exception from the federal government, will allow the use of only the last four digits of the applicant's social security number. FWP is cognizant of the recent increase in identity theft concerns. This measure to reduce the exposure to identity theft is supported by FWP.

We urge the committee's support of this bill.