



*Dear Friend of Cats Aren't Trophies,*

You can tell a lot about of a ballot initiative campaign by the opponents it attracts.

When it comes to Prop 127, these “dark money” donors should be a guidepost for all sorts of Colorado voters and cause them to do the right thing and vote YES on Prop 127.

Here's the news: the main funders are the National Rifle Association, the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the Safari Club International, and dark money groups funded by the most ruthless trophy hunters, whose hobby is not just to slay American lions but also African lions and African elephants.

Millions are flowing in against Prop 127 from these dark forces. It's all from these trophy hunting and extreme gun rights groups that have appalling records on wildlife conservation and wildlife science issues. There's not a serious-minded wildlife conservation funder to be found in their ranks!

It tells me that the campaign against Prop 127 is just a façade — it's a lie that these people support wildlife management professionals. These groups are “anything goes” outfits who will tolerate even the most extreme and unsporting forms of trophy hunting.

The public face of the No on 127 campaign has done its best to try to attach some social benefit to the inherently selfish and cruel acts of trophy hunting and commercial trapping of native cats in Colorado — claiming their conduct somehow collectively adds up to “scientific wildlife management conducted by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.”

But now we know the truth. The NRA, Safari Club, and National Shooting Sports Foundation, along with dark money groups, are financing the whole shebang.

These groups want to preserve the practices that are the focus of 127: stopping the terrorizing of big cats by packs of dogs and then shooting the battered animals out of trees, or luring bobcats into baited traps and then bludgeoning them or strangling the life from them.

Their two biggest donors have nothing to do with wildlife management at all. They have no staff at all working on wildlife issues. Nobody with a science degree in wildlife, veterinary medicine or any related field.

The top donor is a shadowy Washington, D.C.-based SuperPAC called Building America's Future. It gave \$870,937 in recent days to the No on 127 campaign. Again, not a person on staff with any background in wildlife science. Maybe we should call it Building America's Future with Packs of Dogs and Merciless Animal Cruelty.

The second biggest donor is the Concord Fund, which also has not a single person focused on wildlife conservation, wildlife management, or animal welfare. It works to promote placement of conservative lawmakers in the federal judiciary. Whatever you may think of that goal, it has not a thing to do with wildlife management.

Add in the NRA and the National Shooting Sports Foundation and you have bad actors galore. And you have people behind the curtain who know nothing about wildlife science or wildlife conservation.

**Please donate to protect Colorado's big cats!**

Our answer is you. We need you to spread the word about the ethical and scientific case for Prop 127. Please share our e-postcard. And we need a final infusion of dollars to match their ads with our own hard-hitting commercials.

Will you dig deep one more time today to allow us to match their ads dollar for dollar?

Voting wraps up in just days, but at least more than 1.5 million votes have yet to be cast.

**There truly is not a minute to waste. We need your help.**

**Please donate today!**

*For the cats,  
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