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Support free enterprise; don't give Cabela's free pass

I support free market enterprise and competition.

Nobody is guaranteed their business or profession will remain viable. If Cabela's wants a store in Rapid City, do it on a fair playing field. If the Rapid City market is viable, then it is viable without free land and \$2 million. Cabela's is building stores throughout the western U.S. They don't need a free pass.

I empathize with the local sporting goods dealers. You have lived, supported and paid taxes in this community for many years. Your reward is the City Council and former Mayor spend your tax dollars to put you out of business? Did I forget to mention the competitive advantage of the Visitor Center in Cabela's? All the local sporting goods dealers, including Scheel's, can thank our city fathers for that extra nugget. Did they count the lost jobs and income from the businesses that will go under when they tout the economic boost? It is not always about money. Character counts.

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