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Re: Support for HF 1727 (Ecklund)

To: Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee
Representative Rick Hansen, Chair
Committee Members

The Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Alliance supports HF 1727 as introduced. We particularly commend the language for mandatory improved fencing and mandatory depopulation of CWD-positive herds. The Board of Animal Health has failed over time to design and enforce a comprehensive CWD prevention plan for farmed Cervidae. We feel that the Department of Natural Resources if properly funded, is suited to do a better job with regulation and enforcement to deal with Chronic Wasting Disease. MOHA is committed to the future of hunting and consuming healthy wild game, and the infiltration of CWD into our wild herds could devastate this Minnesota institution. Timing is critical with respect to CWD management; HF1727 is a major step forward and we support the passing of this bill.

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