

My name is Jennifer Davis I am a concerned citizen of Michigan and a hunter, angler, and recreator on our wonderful public lands. I am very appreciative that all members of this committee are here to engage in what they believe to be the best legislative action for our community and our wildlife populations.

I am writing today to inform you that I am very deeply concerned about Chronic Wasting Disease, Bovine Tuberculosis and even yet unknown potential threats to our wildlife populations and therefore find it essential that we ensure wildlife biologists and science based policy makers are the ones handling all pertinent actions related to the health of our collectively held resources. To that end I strongly oppose the amendments to 1994 PA 452, removing the commissions overseeing these regulatory practices from the equation.

As I am sure you are aware hunter funding is an important component in the management of public lands and resources, without these funds we all stand to lose a great deal. If we allow politics to dictate wildlife management rather than scientific best practices, we run the very real risk of developing a substantial loss of wildlife altogether. I can tell you honestly that I personally hunt to feed myself and my family, so if the deer herd is allowed to become so overrun with disease that it is no longer safe to eat I will no longer hunt them. I do not think that I am alone in that.

Michigan's wildlife stands to lose a great deal if this bill is allowed to pass. Not only the deer and elk herds but all of the other game and nongame species that rely on hunter funded management. Please stand for the people and the wildlife we all love by opposing HB 4687. Thank you for the opportunity to share with you my position on this very important matter and for your time and engagement in our democratic process.