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Senate Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining, and Forestry Testimony on Senate Bill (SB) 325

Thank you committee members for hearing Senate Bill 325 (SB 325), which creates a Deer Carcass Disposal Dumpster Grant Program. Thank you Sen. Smith for co-authoring this important piece of bipartisan legislation.

With hunting season just around the corner, there is a renewed focus on Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and its detrimental, rapidly spreading impact on the deer herd. Hunting is a major economic driver in Wisconsin, but the continued spread of CWD could have a negative effect on the industry.

Human movement of deer carcasses is one way that CWD spreads. However, limiting carcass movement is also one of the easiest ways to reduce the spread of CWD. In fact, biologists, outdoor clubs, hunters, and landowners have been recommending proper carcass disposal activities since 2008.

SB 325 expands on an idea that a group of my constituents developed a few years ago. These sportsmen and women saw the need for easier carcass disposal and began placing deer carcass dumpsters at various locations in their county. The response was overwhelming and the dumpsters were widely used. These local efforts were entirely self-funded, but this model is not sustainable.

Because of the local support for the program and the continued threat of CWD, these constituents came to me with a formal proposal to supplement local monies with state support to expand the program. I was enthusiastic to help. This bill, if passed, will provide the formal support and funding for local leaders and volunteers.

This legislation requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to establish a grant program to award up to \$5,400 to County Deer Advisory Councils (CDACs) for deer carcass disposal dumpsters. This bill allocates \$205,000 SEG annually from the Fish and Wildlife Account of the Conservation Fund for this purpose. The Legislative Fiscal Bureau (LFB) estimates that there is currently \$25 million of unobligated money in the account.

Grants would be available to CDACs in counties where the DNR has identified one or more wild CWD positive deer and counties that the DNR has identified as being within 10 miles of a CWD positive deer in an adjacent county. According to the DNR, 26 counties have one or more wild CWD positive deer and another 12 counties are within 10 miles of a CWD positive deer in an



adjacent county. The money provided in the bill is sufficient to cover full grant awards to each of the 38 eligible counties.

Under this grant program, local CDACs would be responsible for finding locations to place the dumpsters and contracting with private companies for dumpster rental, transportation, and disposal. Grant money may be used by CDACs for dumpster rental, transportation, and disposal as well as to purchase a plastic liner and other necessary materials such as tie-downs.

This bill expands on what locals are already doing. The best ideas come from our local constituents and this bill is another great example. Thank you again to the committee for hearing this proposal, and your timely action on the bill.

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2019 Senate Bill 325

October 1, 2019

Senate Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining, and Forestry
Relating to: a deer carcass disposal grant program

Thank you, Chairman Tiffany for holding a public hearing on Senate Bill 325 (SB 325) today and thank you to members of the committee for taking my testimony on this bill as well.

The idea for this bill came from a concern raised at a joint listening session Senator Marklein and I held earlier this year.

Hunting has a long history of being a favorite pastime in Wisconsin, as well as, an important economic driver in our state but it is being threatened by Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). CWD is a problem in Wisconsin and it is continuing to spread. According to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), 26 counties have one or more wild CWD positive deer. The spread of CWD is aided by carcass movement and to combat this continual spread of CWD, there has been an effort to try and make it easier to dispose of carcasses. This bill aims to do just that.

SB 325 requires the DNR to establish a grant program and award grants to county deer management advisory councils (CDACs) of up to \$5,400 annually for the disposal of deer carcasses. Qualified uses of the grant may include cost of finding locations to places dumpsters for deer carcass disposal, contracting with a private company to rent a dumpster, transportation of dumpsters and final disposal of the carcasses. Other uses may include purchasing plastic liners and tie-down equipment necessary. \$5,400 would cover the cost of up to six dumpsters. Qualified applicants would be CDACs in counties where the DNR has confirmed CWD, or adjacent counties. At this point in time 38 counties would qualify under this bill.

Funding for this program, as proposed in the bill would be from the Conservation Fund and would be \$205,200 per year.

Thank you again for the opportunity to present my testimony on SB 325, relating to a deer carcass disposal grant program.

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Senate Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining, and Forestry

2019 Senate Bill 325 Deer Carcass Disposal Grant Program October 1, 2019

Good morning, Chairman Tiffany and members of the Committee. My name is Mary Rose Teves and I am the Director for the Community Financial Assistance Bureau at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. I am joined today by Scott Loomans, who is the Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Division Administrator. Thank you for the opportunity to testify, for informational purposes, on Senate Bill 325 (SB 325), which relates to a deer carcass disposal grant program.

Senate Bill 325 provides the Department with specific authority to create a grant program related to deer carcass disposal. Under Senate Bill 325, the Department would receive \$205,000 of new funding to issue as grants to county deer management advisory councils (CDAC). No funding is provided for the Department's administration of this new grant program. Proposed grants would be used for rental, lining, and transportation costs of up to 6 large dumpster-style metal containers per county. The purpose of the metal containers is for hunters to dispose of deer carcass waste. The maximum individual grant award is \$5,400. A CDAC is eligible for a grant if the Department has received confirmation that chronic wasting disease (CWD) has been detected in tissue samples collected from a cervid in that county or in an adjacent county within 10 miles of a shared border.

The Department currently administers an Adopt-A-Dumpster program by which dumpsters are "sponsored" by third parties. The third parties secure the dumpsters, ensure the dumpster complies with certain placement and environmental requirements, and assume all responsibility for waste collection, disposal, and associated costs. The Department notifies hunters of the locations of these dumpsters for deer carcass waste. The Department did not directly contribute toward Adopt-a-Dumpster program costs in 2018, but is looking to provide cost share in 2019.

SB 325 points out an important challenge we face: How do we convince hunters to change deer waste practices that have been in place for many years and to dispose of deer waste in appropriate receptacles instead of returning deer carcasses to the field? Concerns about CWD prions being infectious in soil are real. This bill attempts to address this concern.

While we appreciate the overall goal of this proposal, we have communicated with the bill author's office that we have some additional suggestions and considerations to offer. Those are as follows:

1. The allowance of other eligible applicants to the grant program.
2. The allowance of a grantee to work in more than one county or as part of a collaborative.
3. Provide clarification around test result eligibility.

4. Consider no geographic limit on dumpster placement (this may allow for preventive measures).
5. Expand eligibility to locations where farm-raised cervids have tested positive for CWD so there are disposal options on the landscape outside of infected deer farms.
6. Remove the limitation on the number of dumpsters per county.
7. Considerations for how the DNR administers new grant programs and the resources needed.

We look forward to working with the bill authors to address these considerations and have potential ideas on how to do that while still achieving the bill's goal.

On behalf of the DNR, I would like to thank you again for your time today, and we would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Wisconsin Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

SB 325 Public Hearing Testimony

October 1, 2019

The Wisconsin Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers recognizes CWD is a threat to the health of our deer herd and the future of hunting in Wisconsin. As such, we support a number of measures to address the spread and prevalence of CWD in our state, one of which is safe and convenient deer carcass disposal.

Fighting CWD will require the efforts of hunters, landowners, our hardworking Department of Natural Resources, and elected officials. We are glad to see our elected officials are beginning to recognize this and happy to see a bill coming forward to address one of the many areas our state needs to play catch up on regarding CWD.

With that being said, the Wisconsin Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers strongly recommends changes be made to this bill in order to properly address carcass disposal.

Limiting funds for carcass disposal to only those counties containing CWD within their wild elk or deer and the counties adjacent within 10 miles of their shared border does not adequately address the spread of CWD by CWD positive carcasses being transported by hunters into areas not affected by CWD. Dumpsters do different things in different areas, and the areas without CWD are greatly served by having dumpsters to allow hunters who travel to CWD affected areas and are successful locations to properly dispose of carcasses. Allowing every county to receive funding for carcass disposal helps hunters do their parts in keeping CWD infected carcasses off of the landscape statewide, not just where CWD is already in the environment.

Placing the responsibility of grant applications and the coordination of dumpster location, pick up, and monitoring on the shoulders of volunteer CDAC members is not only inappropriate, but will likely serve as a barrier to implementation of this program by some CDACs. These people are already volunteering their time on behalf of Wisconsin's deer herd, and to expect them to take on this responsibility makes an assumption that they have much more time to give and that they want you telling them how they'll be spending that time. There is significant interest outside of CDACs from the public wanting to become engaged in the fight against CWD, and these funds will be better used by allowing the DNR to distribute these funds to conservation organizations, individuals, and businesses who are concerned about CWD.

Funding is also a concern, both the source and the levels. Deer hunting is a \$1 billion dollar a year economy that provides boosts to many small business owners. Considering CWD affects everyone in this state, using funds the GPR are appropriate. Additionally, the total of \$5,400 is likely too low of a funding level. The costs of a single dumpster being emptied a single time

over the course of the gun deer season may range from \$800-\$1000. Considering the significant travel by bow hunters in the month leading up to the gun deer season, as well as the fact that deer are harvested by hunters approximately 4 months out of the year, funding levels should reflect the costs necessary to address the total of deer carcass disposal through all hunting seasons, not simply a 9-day window.

I will reiterate that we greatly support the concept of this bill and state funding for carcass disposal, but some significant changes are necessary to ensure that we as a state are adequately addressing the issue of carcass disposal instead of hoping that someone else down the road will create additional legislation to correct our mistakes. This is our responsibility, each and every one of us. This is our time. This is our fight.

Thank you.

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Forestry Committee

October 1, 2019

To: Senate Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining and Forestry
Senator Thomas Tiffany, Chair

RE: Senate Bill 325

My name is Douglas Duren, I live in the Village of Cazenovia in Richland County and I am a landowner in Westford Township, Richland County and Ironton Township, Sauk County. I am a lifelong hunter and conservationist and a Member of the Richland County Deer Advisory Council.

I'd like to thank Senator Marklein for proposing Senate Bill 325, which creates a Deer Carcass Disposal Program. Also thank you to Senator Tiffany and Members of the Senate Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining and Forestry for holding this public hearing on the bill.

In August of 2018 the Department of Natural Resources Board in a move intended to slow the spread of CWD in Wisconsin, approved an emergency rule that would have restricted deer carcass transportation in CWD affected counties. The legislature's Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules suspended that rule at its October 2018 meeting.

Although the reasons for the rule were based on sound science and disease control, the issues and concerns surrounding the enforcement of the rule, as well as its burden on hunters, led to its subsequent suspension. What this background and discussion showed is the need for practical, workable ways for hunters to properly dispose of deer carcasses once they have deboned the meat.

What the science indicates is clear: Leaving infected deer carcasses on the landscape increases the risk of Chronic Wasting Disease spreading to areas where it does not currently exist and can more quickly increase prevalence in areas where it already exists.

In more clear terms: If you don't have CWD in your area, you don't want it and if you have it, you want as little of it as possible.

In 2018, with the emergency deer carcass transport rule suspended and with no funds allocated, the Adopt a Dumpster Program was initiated by DNR Wildlife Health Section as a way to reduce infectious material on the landscape with the help of willing hunters and citizens. Several groups and individuals, myself included, raised funds to place, prepare and manage carcass dumpsters throughout Southwest Wisconsin. DNR Deer and County Biologists recorded the placement of dumpsters and through their Deer Carcass Disposal webpage, let hunters know the locations. We learned a few things:

1. Hunter conservationists and other citizens are ready and willing to help fight CWD with their time and some of their money.



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2018 CWD Adopt a Dumpster Program Summary

Feb 4, 2019

The Adopt A Dumpster Program was born out of a need for proper deer carcass disposal in the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Endemic Area of Southwest Wisconsin. The intent was to mitigate the spread of CWD by providing dumpster locations around the area where hunters could properly dispose of deer bones and carcasses, thus removing possible infected carcasses from the landscape. In some cases, dumpsters were paired with CWD testing locations. The results discussed here are from an effort led by Doug Duren, Hunt to Eat and others, to place as many dumpsters in Richland County and the surrounding area as possible.

Funding

- No government funding was available for this program. Doug Duren and Hunt to Eat began a fundraiser in early Fall of 2018, which raised over \$5,500.00 for the effort. Contributions of \$50.00 or more received a T-shirt with a whitetail deer hunting scene and Doug's conservation mantra "It's not ours, It's just our turn".
- Contributions were received from over 150 people and businesses.
- Westford Township, Richland County contributed \$300.00 to a dumpster in its jurisdiction.

Locations

- These effort fully funded and placed dumpsters at 5 locations, with one location getting 2 dumpsters over the course of the deer season.
- 6 dumpsters were fully funded, with partial funding provided for 3 other locations, where other organizations and one business led the funding, dumpster placement and monitoring.

Process

- Of the 6 fully funded dumpsters, 3 locations were placed on private land, while 2 were locations owned by townships.
- All dumpsters were lined with a minimum 4 mil plastic liner. We discovered the most cost effective liners were made by purchasing 6 mil Silo Bunker Liners 32' or 40' x 100' and cutting them twice, providing 3 liners.
- Liners were secured a couple of different ways, with the most efficient and effective being using a 100' piece of inexpensive rope to secure the liner to the outside of the dumpster once the liner was placed and sufficiently extended over the sides of the dumpster.
- Early in the season, contractor bags were supplied and hunters were encouraged to put their carcass/bones in the bags before putting them in the dumpster, the intent to help with reducing odor.
- Locations were either well-lit or solar lights with motion detectors were placed near the dumpster so it would be illuminated when a vehicle pulled in or an animal came near.
- Each location had signage that said "Deer Bones and Carcasses Only, Please!". Signs were also placed at some locations listing and thanking sponsors.
- All dumpster were monitored regularly by volunteers who checked for unwanted garbage, kept the area around the dumpster clean and moved carcasses within the dumpster to maximize space.
- Dumpsters were in place from late November until after the Holiday Hunt.



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Results and Costs;

The results included here are from the 6 dumpsters that Doug Duren was responsible for:

- **Total weight collected and disposed of: 78,000 lbs of carcasses or 39 total tons**
- Using an average carcass weight of 55 lbs., over **1,400 carcasses** were collected and properly disposed of.
- Using a CWD prevalence rate of 16%, the average between Sauk and Richland Counties, where most of these carcasses originated, it is likely that **over 220 CWD positive carcasses were collected and properly disposed of.**
- **Cost per carcass:** Using these costs and numbers, the average cost of disposal is between **\$4.50 and \$5.00 per carcass**

Other notes and suggestions:

- No other garbage or debris was found in these dumpsters by the public, which was a concern of some people and conservation committees.
- Scavengers proved to be a very minimal problem. Cat and coyote tracks were found around some of the dumpsters, but no dumpsters were entered. Turkey vultures, crows, eagles, etc. were not observed at any of the dumpsters.
- Odor proved to be a minimal problem. Contractor bags were provided at some dumpsters placed before November and hunters were asked to bag their carcasses before placing them in the dumpsters. One location had some odor complaints, so it that is an important consideration in placement.
- The Adopt a Dumpster and Adopt a Kiosk Programs, because they involve and empower hunters and landowners, also provide an opportunity for discussion, awareness and education about CWD and proper disposal on a local, hunter/landowner to hunter/landowner level. This kind of interaction and advocacy is invaluable for the efforts to control CWD.
- Some areas were unable to secure a dumpster because there was not a solid waste provider in the region who was willing to take deer carcasses as part of their solid waste services or landfill. The Wisconsin State Legislature should consider legislation requiring licensed landfills to accept and properly dispose of deer carcasses.
- Garbage collection is a service provided by local municipalities. Deer carcasses could be considered garbage or debris generated in a municipality. It follows that counties and municipalities could be part of the funding sources for future efforts. Westford Township, Richland County, provided \$300.00 for the dumpster placed on the Duren Farm.
- A voluntary check off box on deer license applications could be another source of specific, directed funding for disposal.
- The Wisconsin State Legislature should also consider allocating some funding specifically for deer carcass disposal.
- Sportspeople and Hunting clubs did contribute to this effort. Hunters will likely continue to support this kind of effort. It follows that organizations and businesses concerned about the health of the deer herd and the future of deer and deer hunting would get involved with this effort.

Respectfully submitted,

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February 4, 2019

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Sauk County Conservation Alliance

Representing over 2500 outdoor enthusiasts in *Greater Sauk County*, the Alliance is a county-wide collaboration of clubs dedicated to the conservation of Sauk County's wildlife and wild lands. The alliance seeks to inform, educate and involve its members, as well as, provide unity and fellowship among all sportsmen in the county and state.

October 1, 2019

To: Senate Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining and Forestry

Senate Bill 325

On behalf of the Sauk County Conservation Alliance, I want to say thanks to Committee Chair Senator Tiffany for holding a hearing on SB 325. This is a bill very important to Wisconsin's deer hunters. I also want to thank Senator Marklein, the lead author of this legislation, for getting the legislative discussion on the important subject of deer carcass disposal started. In March of this year, I sat down with Senator Marklein to discuss our Alliance's concerns regarding CWD. Safe carcass disposal was at the top of our list of recommendations, we appreciate the Senator's leadership on this issue.

The Sauk County Conservation Alliance supports SB 325. We firmly believe that funding assistance is needed to address the costs associated with proper disposal of deer carcasses throughout Wisconsin. Our Alliance is attempting raise \$10,000 this fall to fund placement of 6 carcass dumpsters in the county. As of today, we about one-third of the way toward our goal. If state grants were available, it would be a big help to our efforts.

Our Alliance would also like to urge the committee to make some helpful enhancements to SB 325. They include:

- Grant administration – The current draft requires that the grants be directed to County Deer Advisory Councils. These councils are comprised entirely of volunteers and they do not have any fiscal capability. This bill would require one of the volunteers to take on a large grant administration burden in addition to the sizable workload they already have from serving on the council. We believe it would be better to either allow other conservation non-profits apply for the county grant or to direct the grant to the land conservation departments in the eligible counties.
- County eligibility – Our Alliance recommends that all Wisconsin counties be eligible to receive grants. Based upon Department of Natural Resources records (see attached), deer harvested in our most heavily CWD-infected counties are harvested by hunters that live all over the state. If we are funding deer carcass dumpsters to limit the inadvertent spread of CWD from improper carcass disposal, then we should be trying to protect all of Wisconsin.
- Funding – We are concerned that the cost of carcass disposal is going to be totally funded by hunter fees. Simply stated, the cost of CWD management is bigger than what hunter wallets can afford. New sources of funding are needed. We recommend the use of GPR to fund the dumpsters.
- Landfills – A significant problem in Wisconsin is that many landfills do not allow disposal of deer carcasses. We recommend your committee take action to require landfills to accept deer carcasses.



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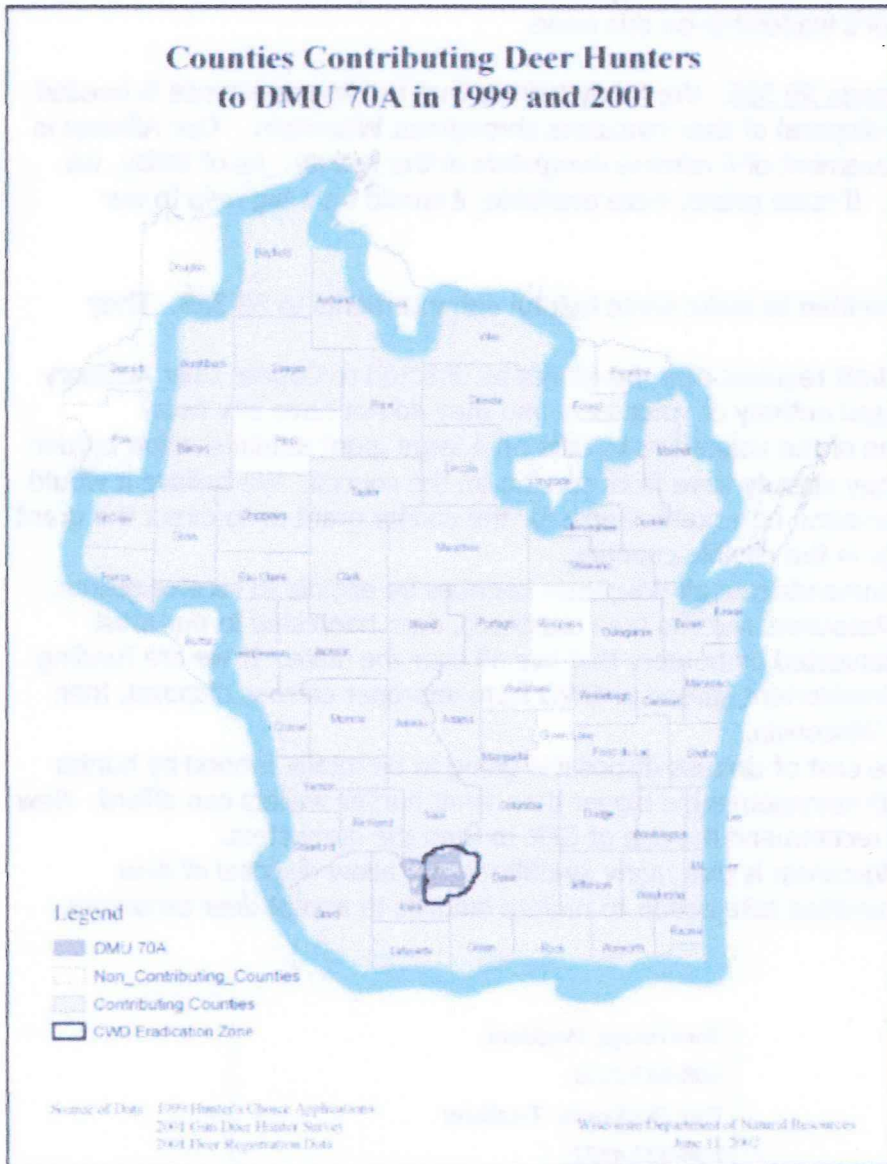
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Sincerely,

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Attachment: Map of county of residence of hunters harvesting deer from Iowa County





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DATE: September 30, 2019

TO: Senators of the Sporting Heritage Mining and Forestry Committee

SUBJECT: SB 325

On behalf of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) I would like to express my gratitude to the authors of this bill in recognizing the importance of deer carcass disposal in the state of Wisconsin. Several months ago, at the request of Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Sec. nominee Preston Cole and Natural Resources Board (NRB) Chair Dr. Fredrick Prehn, the WCC created an ad-hoc committee to review the current CWD management plan and identify areas the WCC felt needed to be address or focused on. Carcass disposal was listed as one of the most important issues that needs to be addressed to help manage CWD in Wisconsin. Best management practices suggest landfilling deer carcasses are the safest way to prevent the inadvertent spread of CWD.

While we understand and appreciate the importance of this legislation, we also see some areas of concern with this legislation and would offer the following suggestions to create a better bill. Under current rule, County Deer Advisory Councils (CDACs) are led by delegates of the WCC. The language in the rule is very clear as to what is the preview of a CDAC and how and what they can recommend to the DNR for deer management. An individual CDAC has no authority or mechanism to handle or manage money. There is nothing in place for a CDAC to accept money, much less review contracts, manage grants, or facilitate a dumpster program. Further, a CDAC position is voluntary. Many people who took on this voluntary responsibility don't need or want to have additional issues put on the purview of their County Deer Advisory Council.

Additionally, we feel that anyone should be eligible to receive this grant. There are many sporting and conservation clubs who would like to be an active player in carcass disposal and they already have good connections with the local hunter to make this program a success. Further, this could be a great opportunity for local business to bring hunters to their place of business. Convenience stores, taverns and others would most likely be willing participants in this program if it will bring people to their

As established by Wisconsin State Statutes, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress is officially recognized as the only natural resources advisory body in the state where citizens elect delegates to represent their interests on natural resources issues on a local and statewide level to the Natural Resources Board and the Department of Natural Resources. Their mission is to represent the citizens of Wisconsin by working with the Natural Resources Board and the Department of Natural Resources to effectively manage Wisconsin's greatest asset, our abundant natural resources, for present and future generations to enjoy.

locations. It is our understanding that the people who are currently cost sharing dumpsters around the state would no longer be eligible for this grant program.

The third area of concern is that this bill only allows funds to be used for those counties or adjacent counties with a CWD detection and it puts artificial limits on how many and where the dumpsters could be placed. CWD and proper carcass disposal is a statewide issue. I personally have hunters contacting me with questions of where and how they should properly dispose of carcass waste. If you look at the best management practices page for the WDNR they list disposing of your deer carcass waste in landfills and the most practical and effective means of controlling the spread of CWD. Statewide disposal of deer carcasses is of major importance.

The WCC supports providing money to bolster the dumpster program for proper carcass disposal around the state and we'd like to thank the authors of this legislation for bringing this important issue to the table. However, with our suggested changes we feel this legislation could be greatly improved.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Bonde". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Larry Bonde, Chair
Wisconsin Conservation Congress



October 1, 2019

To: Members of the Senate Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining and Forestry

Wisconsin Green Fire Supports Senate Bill 325

We thank Senator Marklein for authoring SB-325, and Committee Chair Senator Tiffany for holding this hearing. Wisconsin's Green Fire's Wildlife Management group focuses on Chronic Wasting Disease as a core issue and we appreciate the chance to provide written comment.

Safe carcass disposal is a priority strategy for limiting Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Sanitation and proper carcass disposal have been identified as a priority strategy by the Wisconsin Conservation Congress and the Natural Resources Board in addressing CWD. Hunters are also becoming more aware of this issue and more motivated to practice good sanitation with harvested deer. SB 325 will help provide resources to make access to safe sanitation options available and will build awareness of best practices among hunters.

There are some areas of the proposed legislation where we recommend improvement. We urge the authors and committee members consider these modifications:

- **Funds administration** – The current bill requires that the grants be directed to County Deer Advisory Councils (CDACs). **CDACs are not business entities and they have no capacity or authority to manage funds.** The bill as written would require CDAC leaders (who are all volunteers) to take on an administrative burden of selecting and coordinating dumpster sponsors and placement – creating a sizable workload with no established mechanism for oversight. We recommend revising the funding mechanism to provide that funds be administered by either the Department of Natural Resources Wildlife program staff, or by the Land Conservation Departments in eligible counties. Establishing an accountable and capable mechanism will help assure an effective and rapid program implementation.
- **County eligibility** – **We recommend that all Wisconsin counties be eligible to receive grants.** Deer harvested in the CWD Endemic Area are harvested by hunters that live all over the state and many CWD infected deer carcasses are moved throughout the state to other counties where they are eventually processed. It is especially important that deer carcasses be kept off the landscape in areas where CWD has not yet been detected.
- **Funding** – Hunter fees do not generate enough funding to cover all the costs of critical activities related to CWD management. **Rather than relying on hunter fees, we recommend the use of GPR to fund this dumpster program.**



Wisconsin's Green Fire and our member experts are a resource for science-based information on Chronic Wasting Disease. If you would like to follow up on these or other issue related to CWD, please contact Tom Hauge, Chair of our Wildlife Work Group at 608-477-0537, or Thauge.1953@gmail.com. Or feel free to contact me at pheinen@wigreenfire.org.

Thank you for your leadership in addressing this important issue.

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