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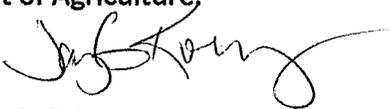
Title: Require Double Fencing for all captive cervid operations**The Problem:**

Single fenced deer enclosures for captive cervid operations are a major threat to Wisconsin wild deer herd because deer can escape these enclosures exposing Wisconsin wild deer to chronic wasting disease (CWD). These deer fences can fail from fallen trees and other unfortunate situations like gates being left open, openings in and under fences, and can also allow nose to nose contact from captive fenced deer to wild deer. It should be noted some captive cervid operations do have double fences.

At present the DNR and the Wisconsin legislature have not taken adequate action to prevent these occurring escapes that are known to expose Wisconsin wild deer from contaminated CWD captive deer. The costs of these escapees is a burden to the Department of Natural Resources not the Department of Agriculture. The owners of such escapes are not liable for any damage they may cause to the wild herd.

Be it Resolved, that the conservation congress at its annual meeting held in Barron County on April 11, 2016 recommends that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this critical situation by working with the Wisconsin Legislature to require all captive deer, elk and other cervid operations to have these operations install adequate double fencing to prevent deer escapes and to also establish a substantial penalty fine for each deer escape occurrence, and with the Department of Natural Resources to be reimbursed from the Department of Agriculture.

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