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**MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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November 8, 2013

Timothy Jones, Speaker  
Missouri House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building, Room 308  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Mister Speaker:

The Missouri House of Representatives' Interim Committee on Cause and Spread of Chronic Wasting Disease in the Elk and White Tail Deer Population has met, taken testimony, deliberated, and concluded its study on Chronic Wasting Disease in the state.

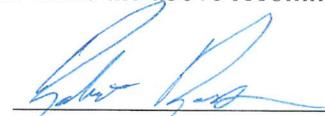
The interim committee held four separate hearings. The first was on July 15, 2013, at the Missouri House of Representatives; the second was on August 19, 2013, in Buffalo, Missouri; the third was on September 10, 2013, at the Missouri House of Representatives; and the fourth was on October 10, 2013, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

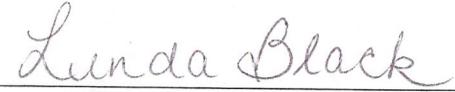
Based upon testimony presented to the interim committee, there is not a manner in which to completely eradicate Chronic Wasting Disease; however, precautions can be taken to decrease the spread of the disease and its harmful impact to the state. These precautionary measures require coordination between all parties involved in the transportation, breeding, farming, hunting, and other similar activities involved with elk and white tail deer.

It is the recommendation of the interim committee that the Missouri Department of Agriculture, the Missouri Department of Conservation, and the state's deer breeders and hunting preserve owners develop a reasonable solution and compromise that will accomplish both goals of protecting our state's wildlife and ensuring that the deer breeding and hunting preserve industry is not unduly burdened. If a reasonable compromise cannot be reached, it is the recommendation of the interim committee that legislative action must be taken to reach the above-stated goals effectively.

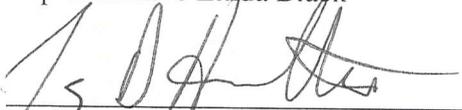
The below-signed committee members are pleased to make the above recommendation:

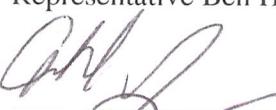
  
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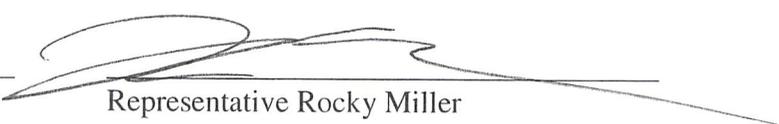
  
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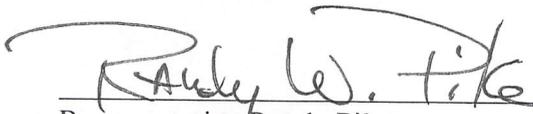
  
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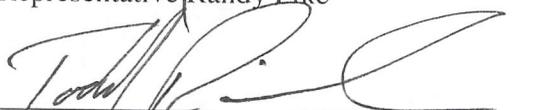
  
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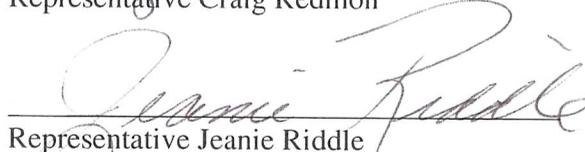
  
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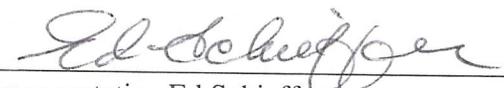
  
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Sincerely,

  
Representative Sandy Crawford  
Interim Committee Chair