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The Honorable Mike Green, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Natural Resources  
805 Farnum Building  
P.O. Box 30036  
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The Honorable Jon Bumstead, Chair  
House Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Natural Resources  
S-1289 House Office Building  
P.O. Box 30014  
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Dear Senator Green and Representative Bumstead:

Pursuant to Section 504, PA 252 of 2014, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required to report on the use of registration fees collected from privately owned cervid (POC) operations. Fiscal Year 2014-15 revenue derived from the registration and inspection of POC operations was used for the following purposes connected with the regulation of POC operations in the State:

**Program Coordination**

- Implement program standards in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) and stakeholders
- Develop resources and tools for field staff (e.g. flowcharts for handling escaped cervids, species identification sheets, facility classification sheets, mapping tools for the POC database, etc.)
- Review statutory and regulatory changes impacting the industry
- Support daily operations and program management (e.g. data entry, file maintenance, mailings, reports, etc.)

**Field Inspections/Enforcement \***

- Perform facility inspections to ensure compliance
- Conduct follow-up visits to address non-compliance issues
- Develop compliance agreements
- Issue citations, create reports, and follow up in court
- Respond to emergencies, such as breaks in a fence or escaped cervids
- Follow up on public complaints

\*Conservation officers assist with facility visits each year.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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