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Dear Cervid Producer:

The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) has determined that budget constraints will not allow for the use of state funds to make indemnity payment for animals exposed to certain diseases (such as bovine Tuberculosis in cervids or Pseudorabies virus in sport swine), and ordered destroyed by MDA. This is consistent with the United States Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Services' decision not to pay indemnity for certain animals destroyed.

Budget deficits, limited resources, and Michigan's struggling economy have all contributed to this situation. MDA understands the impact this decision has on producers across the industries; however, the state must make this difficult decision.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven L. Halstead".

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