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John Walstad, Code Revisor
North Dakota Legislative Council
600 East Boulevard Avenue
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Dear Mr. Walstad,

The North Dakota State Board of Animal Health regulates all nontraditional livestock and farmed elk facilities in accordance with the rules in North Dakota Administrative Code 48-12-01.1 and 48-14, respectively. Importation requirements, facility requirements and inventory reporting requirements for cervids (and other species) are in those sections of the North Dakota Administrative Code. There are no specific requirements for 'hunting' operations or 'game animal' operations.

There are currently a total of 103 cervid farms in the state; however, we regulate all facilities the same and do not differentiate between those that offer fee hunting and those that do not, or between those that might sell animals to those that offer fee hunting and those that do not. As a result, it is indeterminable how many of the Nontraditional Livestock or Farmed Elk premises will be impacted, should Measure 2 pass, and what the economic impact will be to the farmed cervid industry.

Should Measure 2 pass, it is unclear whether the Board would be responsible for enforcement or whether local law enforcement would handle the matter. The level of enforcement expected would determine the cost to the State. If the Board were expected to enforce this measure, it would require additional personnel resources. In order to be relatively confident that the

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activities mentioned in Measure 2 are not occurring, the Board would need several additional field staff members to regularly perform on-site monitoring and inspection of facilities. Furthermore, how the prohibited activities are defined would affect what resources are necessary for enforcement.

Dr. Beth Carlson, Deputy State Veterinarian, or I would be glad to answer any questions which Legislative Council may have.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Keller DVM

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cc: State Board of Animal Health Members
Commissioner Doug Goehring

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