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Representing the country's more than 12 million deer hunters, the mission of the National Deer Alliance (NDA) is to serve as the guardian for wild deer conservation and our hunting heritage. Our focus areas are diseases, wild deer conservation, hunter access, predators and competitors, and state and federal land management. Our board of directors is made up of leaders from the three national deer groups, Mule Deer Foundation, Quality Deer Management Association, and Whitetails Unlimited, as well as Archery Trade Association, National Shooting Sports Foundation, Association for Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Wildlife Management Institute, Vista Outdoor, and Bass Pro Shops.

I am writing you today regarding the recently introduced House Bill 2083, which would amend Title 34, The Pennsylvania Game Code. Oddly, this bill was referred to the House State Government Committee as opposed to the House Game and Fisheries Committee. **NDA opposes this bill on the basis that management of wildlife should be left to qualified professionals and should never be allowed to fall prey to politics at any level.**

If enacted, House Bill 2083 would result in several outcomes that we believe are bad for deer, and wildlife in general. These include:

- creation of a Forest Advisory Council comprised of political appointees, which would dictate policy to the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) and Department of Conservation of Natural Resources (DCNR);
- dictating seasons and bag limits;
- dictating deer hunting regulations, particularly as they pertain to senior license holders;
- elimination of the Deer Management Assistance Program on public land; and
- adoption of a highly unproven and controversial wildlife management concept referred to as "Maximum Sustained Yield."

It is NDA's position that wildlife and habitat management should remain the purview of the PGC and DCNR, and not misguided emotion and politics. We see no value in the creation of additional layers of bureaucracy that would include political appointees dictating policy to these qualified agencies.

Sincerely,

Nick Pinizzotto
President and CEO

The guardian of wild deer conservation and our hunting heritage.