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Secretary Donald R. van der Vaart

North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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RE: SB 513, NC 2015 Farm Bill, Sec. 14, Captive cervids

Dear Sir,

By way of introduction, I am Robert (Bob) Brown, formerly Dean of the College of Natural Resources at NC State (2006-12). In addition, I have had roughly 40 years of experience conducting research on white-tailed deer and other cervids in captive pens.

Please let this inquiry serve as a formal request of your agency, the North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources to provide:

1. NCDENR’s most recent science-based infectious Prion/Protein soil/water quality impact study relative to SB 513, Section 14 Captive Cervids (deer farming).
2. NCDENR’s CWD Prion/Protein infected soil and water mitigation and eradication plan relative to SB 513 Section 14 Captive Cervids (deer farming)
3. Environmental impact to adjacent landowners relative to SB 513 Section 14 Captive Cervids (deer farming)
4. NCDENR’s environmental risk assessment based on other CWD-infected states’ data.

Additionally, please provide a copy of your agency’s fiscal note relating to SB 513, Section 14 to illustrate the cost to respond, mitigate and eradicate these CWD infectious soil, plant and water prions.

Sincerely,

Robert D. (Bob) Brown

CC: Governor Pat McCory