

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Nolan Buchner. My wife and I, along with my father, have been deer farming for about 10 years. Our farm participates in the CWD program and tests every deer of age that dies. We have a clean herd and haven't brought in any animals for a number of years, essentially making us a closed herd.

When the MN DNR implemented the three movement bans, we were unable to sell the remaining deer able to be sold. Being a whitetail deer breeder our sole income is made in the fall. With that short window made even shorter by the MN DNR. The bans in place at the time cost our family farm approximately \$50000 in lost sales.

As a family with four young children, the stress of that lost income has been unbearable. With feed cost alone being \$800 per month, we are unsure how long we can go on with more bans and restrictions hanging over our head, ready to put us out of business at any moment. There have been many sleepless nights wondering what will become of our farm. Our children, ages 8, 7, 3 and now a 3 week old, ask if we will have to butcher their favorite does in order to cut down on feed costs. How do you answer that question without breaking their hearts? The undue mental and physical stress to myself, my wife and my children is devastating and completely unnecessary.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Nolan and Stephanie Buchner