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Representative Sean Eberhart
Chair, Committee on Natural Resources
200 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Representative Eberhart,

On behalf of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) I am writing to support House Bill 1376 which would establish the Indiana Outdoor Stewardship Program and appropriate funds to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) from the state general fund. The QDMA is a national nonprofit wildlife conservation organization dedicated to ensuring the future of white-tailed deer, wildlife habitat and our hunting heritage. The QDMA has over 60,000 members nationwide, and our membership includes hunters, landowners and natural resource professionals.

The Indiana DNR is responsible for *protecting, enhancing, preserving, and wisely using natural, cultural, and recreational resources for the benefit of Indiana's citizens through professional leadership, management, and education*. House Bill 1376 would aid this mission and provide critical funding to allow the DNR to fully fulfil its required duties.

For these reasons we encourage you to support House Bill 1376. Thank you for your attention to this important legislation and your commitment to Indiana's natural resources.

Respectfully,

Kip Adams
Director of Conservation