



## QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Date: 30 May 2019  
To: Governor Brown  
From: Jacob Pries, Policy Intern  
Re: House Bill 3035

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On behalf of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA), we would like to state our support for HB 3035 and respectfully ask that you sign this important piece of legislation into law. 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.

Wildlife is held in trust by the state for all of Oregon's citizenry to enjoy. This public ownership of wildlife is an instrumental component of the successful North American Model for Wildlife Conservation. Ethical sportsmen created and have supported the North American Model for the past century. Unfortunately, unlawful activities with respect to wildlife contrast the Model, and illegally killing wildlife is nothing less than public theft.

Whitetails are the most popular big game animal in the U.S., and whitetail hunters are the foundation of the nearly \$67 billion hunting industry. According to the National Shooting Sports Foundation, approximately three of every four hunters pursue whitetails, and in Oregon hunters contribute to a \$16.4 billion outdoor economy that supports approximately 172,000 jobs.

HB 3035 would help deter those who damage the values placed on Oregon's wild and scenic treasures. This bill is crucial to the preservation of the deeply rooted outdoor heritage that so many Oregonians have come to cherish. Once again, we come to you and respectfully ask that you continue to fulfill your duty to the people of Oregon by signing this piece of legislation into law and helping to protect the trust that belongs to those people. We would like to sincerely thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,

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