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Date: 18 September 2019
To: Government Operations Committee
From: Kip Adams, Director of Conservation
Re: House Bill 4687

On behalf of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) I am writing to oppose House Bill 4687 which would legalize baiting for white-tailed deer. 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 QDMA defines baiting as the placement of food to concentrate wildlife (deer) for the purposes of hunting, trapping, or viewing. The QDMA opposes the expansion of baiting where not currently legal, and/or where chronic wasting disease (CWD) or other known diseases are present.

For these reasons we urge you to oppose House Bill 4687, and thank you for your commitment to Michigan's natural resources.

Respectfully,

Kip Adams
Director of Conservation