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Date: 17 February 2020
To: House Natural Resources Committee
From: Kip Adams, Director of Conservation
Re: H.F. 2174

On behalf of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) I am writing to state our support for H.F. 2174, an act relating to entering private property by persons using dogs while fur harvesting or training dogs on furbearing animals. 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 50,000 members nationwide and our membership includes hunters, landowners and natural resource professionals.

This bill would improve public relations between landowners and sportsmen and women using dogs while hunting furbearing animals. Hunting approval rates in the U.S. are at record highs, and this is especially important for the future of our hunting heritage given only four percent of U.S. adults purchase a hunting license annually. Hunters provide a free service to society, and responsible hunters project a positive public image. This bill encourages a strong working relationship between hunters and landowners, and that's good for Iowa hunters, landowners, and wildlife managers.

The QDMA urges you to support this important legislation. Thank you for your continued commitment to Iowa's natural resources and please contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Respectfully,

Kip Adams
Director of Conservation