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Date: 17 February 2020
To: Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
From: Kip Adams, Director of Conservation
Re: S. 1499, Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act

On behalf of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) I am writing to state our support for S. 1499, the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act. 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 provide for the protection and restoration of native fish, wildlife, and plant species, including many species protected under Federal, State, and Tribal law, that have experienced or may experience habitat loss, degradation, fragmentation, or obstruction to connectivity. It will provide long-term habitat connectivity for native species migration, dispersal, adaptation to climate and other environmental change, and genetic exchange; help restore wildlife movements that have been disrupted by habitat loss, degradation, fragmentation, or obstruction; and facilitate coordinated landscape- and seascape-scale connectivity planning and management across jurisdictions. Finally, it will support State, Tribal, local, voluntary private landowner, and Federal agency decisionmakers in the planning and development of National Wildlife Corridors.

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

Respectfully,

Kip Adams
Director of Conservation