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Act 82 Resolution

Act 82 is a new addition to the agricultural damage program. This allows farmers, or land owners that rent their land to farmers, to receive damage permits to harvest deer. They can choose to shoot all the deer themselves or pick and choose who the shooters are, as long as they don't take compensation for this. The problem is that the sportsperson that buys the deer hunting license and puts the revenue in the DNR's possession to make this program possible isn't even eligible to participate. As this program is designed, a non-farmer that owns as little as 10 acres of land can receive deer damage permits through the DNR by way of the farmer who rents his land. This allows people that have agricultural land and pay agricultural taxes to virtually have their own hunting club. It also opens the box for all sorts of violations that go unchecked. On the other hand, the DNR now receives money they can channel to areas of their choosing, while not having to answer to the sportsperson. The DNR does not have to make sure that record books are accurate, nor do they have to make sure the sportsperson gets an equal opportunity to harvest the deer. This is bureaucracy at its best on the sportsperson's dollar. The way to solve this problem is to eliminate Act 82!

Vote yes to eliminate Act 82

Vote no to keep Act 82

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