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Title: Hold Captive Cervid Operations legally and monetarily responsible when Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is found and spread to the wild herd.

The Problem: In 2011 the Natural Resources Board authorized the payment of \$465,000 for 80 acres of land in Portage County. Known as the Hall Farm, the property had the highest prevalence of CWD positive deer recorded for any deer farm in North America. This property was operated as a deer farm until 2006 when it was ordered closed. The USDA ordered the animals destroyed and the farm closed to deer for 5 years. The owners were compensated for their loss by the USDA. The price paid exceeded the appraised value of \$371,000. Based on the best science available, the Department and the Board took this action because they believed that this farm posed an unacceptable risk to the wild population.

This presents an unacceptable liability to the Licensed Hunter and Taxpayer. The risk of CWD in Cervid Farms is not something that the public should cover.

Be it resolved, that the Conservation Congress, in its annual meeting on April 10, 2017, in Oconto County recommend that the Congress, Natural Resources Board, Department and interested parties work with the State and Federal Legislatures to develop a plan so the Captive Cervid Industry can be responsible and finance its own risk.

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