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Citizen Resolution #

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(For Hearing Officer completion)

**Reform Corrupt Undemocratic Structure of the
Wisconsin Conservation Congress process to
Make It Fair and Inclusive to ALL citizens of WI**

The Problem: All citizens of Wisconsin have a right and responsibility to elect representatives in this sole advisory, creating policy on the lands they have purchased for general public stewardship and the wildlife who share our state.

Naming this election "spring hearings" instead of spring election is deceptive. It has persisted for 80 years as a killing promoting enclave controlled by hunters because they understand the power is in electing delegates every year that create the questions and screen out humane proposals.

Unlike any other ELECTION, candidates are secretly nominated on the floor of the elections statewide instead of being named months in advance, and given three minutes, instead of debating issues and positions openly to all of the public, making transparent what is at stake.

Understanding this election is the right of all citizens. Most non-hunters do not know it exists. The majority of humane societies do not know about it. Even rehabbers licensed by the DNR do not understand it. This is unfair and undemocratic with extreme harm to our wildlife and democratic participation in our state.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress, April 14, 2014, work with the DNR to resolve this corruption by reforming policy so that candidates announce their candidacy 2 months before the election and hold three debates with competing candidates for the delegate position in each county, engaging the general public. Wisconsin Public Radio can participate and local newspapers carry statements by the competing candidates as in any election. This would increase transparency.

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