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To Whom It May Concern:

George Santayana said: *“Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Those who do not remember their past are condemned to repeat their mistakes.”*

We need compelling, insightful and gripping narratives to illustrate not just our inspiring successes but our most spectacular failures. Without those narratives in the public consciousness, we risk compounding or repeating mistakes that ought never to have been made.

The more I have looked into the history of Chronic Wasting Disease and the flawed efforts to limit its spread, the more appalled I have become at the public policy mistakes, tunnel vision and sheer incompetence that continue to characterize this issue. At one level it's a wildlife and human health disaster known to too few; at another level, however, it is a truly fascinating story that has never been fully shared with the broader public. While any hope we may once have had of getting this genie back into the bottle are fading, there is a gripping tale to be told and an important cautionary message to be shared.

Nobody has told this story yet in its entirety. The government agencies and special interest groups whose intransigence and disrespect for wildlife and human health has put a new, potentially dangerous disease into the wild throughout much of North America will certainly never tell this story; it is in their interest to keep it suppressed.

It is very much in the public interest, however, to make it widely known. I have deep respect for the intelligence, passion and diligence with which Darrel Rowledge has been striving to do so for many years now. I am impressed with the quality of professional and public expertise that has been attracted to his mission.

For these reasons I offer my unqualified support for the video documentary project “No Accident.” I predict that it will have the level of impact that “Bowling for Columbine” had in attracting viewers and stimulating an important public dialogue that may help us avoid future such disasters – and possibly to improve the dwindling odds of reducing the harm resulting from this one.

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