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To Whom it may Concern:

By way of introduction, I have recently retired after a most rewarding 40 year career with the Wildlife & Ecosystem Protection Branch of Manitoba Conservation, where for the last 10 years I was the Manager of Game, Fur & Problem Wildlife. Two of my interest areas are in the field of wildlife parasites and diseases (both MSc and PhD in these areas) and big game biology and management. I have published in peer reviewed journals, have written chapters in books and for a period of time was chairperson of a committee dealing with Canada's National Wildlife Disease Strategy and have been featured in television wildlife documentaries.

I am writing this letter in support of a documentary that Darrel Rowledge of Calgary, Alberta is hoping to produce, which will expose the insanity of Canada's Federal government and some bureaucrats when it comes to being open, honest and truthful as it relates to chronic wasting disease (CWD) in Canada. I have known Darrel for an extended period of time and am amazed at the information he has been able to gather relative to CWD much of which is contained in his book entitled "*No Accident*" and I understand the documentary will be similarly entitled. Not only do I support this but I know of no other person who has worked so diligently to gather the relevant facts essential for such a documentary which hopefully, sooner than later, will put to bed the concept that privatizing and domestication of wildlife is good for the economy and Canadians. One only has to look at the facts related to what it has cost Canada and the province of Saskatchewan to deal with CWD (at least \$200,000,000) to say nothing of what it has cost other provinces/territories to put in place disease (CWD) prevention programs. Speaking from Manitoba's perspective thousands of dollars have been spent dealing with CWD prevention programs and I might add, to date we do not have CWD. And, sad to say, the disease has now spread from ranched elk to free ranging elk and deer in Saskatchewan and Alberta. What a legacy to leave for future generations!

When his book came out I was astounded at the lack of response from provincial/territorial and federal authorities. With something as sensitive as this before we could reply it had to be circulated to the executives who simply directed us not to comment.

I wholeheartedly support what Darrel is attempting to do and if I can be of assistance in any way, I can be contacted at the above address or 1-204-663-9970 (email [doc.moose@shaw.ca](mailto:doc.moose@shaw.ca)).

Yours in conservation,

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