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To: Honorable Members of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee
Re: House File 2112 – Use of a Drone for the Location and Recovery of Mortally Wounded Deer
Position: Support
Date: February 9th, 2026

Honorable Members of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee,

I write to you today on behalf of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) in support of House File 2112 (HF 2112), which would authorize the use of a drone for recovery purposes of harvested or mortally wounded deer.

Founded in 1989, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation is the informed authority across outdoor issues and serves as the primary conduit for influencing public policy. Working with the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC), the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus (GSC), and the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC), CSF gives a voice to hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, and trappers on Capitol Hill and throughout state capitols advocating on vital outdoor issues that are the backbone of our nation's conservation legacy.

House File 2112 would improve hunters' overall success in recovering deer that they have attempted to harvest but have not yet recovered through traditional tracking methods. Drones have proven effective in locating wounded animals and authorizing their use for recovery reduces loss and helps hunters fulfill their ethical obligation to successfully recover and fully utilize harvested animals. Drone technologies represent an advancement in the ongoing efforts of lawful hunters to minimize harvest loss, and, when used in combination with other recovery methods, can increase recovery rates.

Additionally, HF 2112 clarifies that the use of drones cannot be for the purpose of hunting, locating, or tracking deer and may only be used when a hunter believes that the animal was mortally wounded, while engaged in a lawful hunt. The clear distinction between drone-assisted recovery and drone-aided hunting upholds the principle of fair chase by ensuring hunters do not gain an unfair advantage over wild animals.

I respectfully ask that you support the passage of House File 2112, allowing hunters to use drones to locate harvested or mortally wounded deer and thereby increasing the likelihood of successfully recovering game. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this topic. Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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