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The Honorable Fred Clark
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Dear Representative Clark:

Thank you for sending me the recent letter regarding a review of the administrative rules relating to the protection of albino and white deer. Certainly Wisconsin's white-tailed deer population is a cherished and much discussed natural resource in the state.

As a result of your request and the public comments that have been expressed regarding the protection of albino and white deer in the CWD Management Zone, I have requested that this issue be considered by the Herd Health/Chronic Wasting Disease (HH/CWD) Action Team of the Deer Trustee Report Implementation process. As one of four Action Teams developed to work on the DTR recommendations, the HH/CWD Action Team has received the assignment to convert all of the recommendations in the DTR that address CWD and deer diseases and develop a specific list of implementation action items that the Department should implement to meet the goal and intent of the Report. As you suggested, the consideration of this issue certainly is consistent with other issues related to CWD that this team will be tackling over the next four months.

Thank you again for expressing your constituent's concerns regarding the protection of white and albino deer in the CWD Management Zone. If there are any additional questions or suggestions regarding the DTR Implementation process, do not hesitate to contact DTR Implementation Coordinator Eric Lobner at (608) 235-0860 or via email at eric.lobner@wi.gov.

Sincerely,



Cathy Stepp
Secretary