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Subject: Alberta Fish and Game Association Letter: Licensed Game Farm Operations and the Possibility of the Legalization of Cervid Harvesting Preserves

Brian Dingreville

President Alberta Fish and Game Association

Dear Mr. Dingreville:

Thank you for your January 7, 2021, letter regarding your opposition to game farming and penned hunting of domestic cervids. As Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, the *Livestock Industry Diversification Act* (LIDA) and the Domestic Cervid Industry Regulation fall under my purview and I appreciate the opportunity to respond on behalf of the Government of Alberta.

The Government of Alberta recognizes the opposing views on domestic cervid farms and the establishment of harvest preserves within the province. Prior to any legislative changes being considered that would allow for the hunting of domestic cervids, engagement with the interested parties must occur. The engagement process is an opportunity to address the views from all stakeholders, including the specific items of interest outlined by the Alberta Fish and Game Association. At this time, a decision has not been made on proceeding with engagement on this topic, but I can assure you that the Alberta Fish and Game Association is a valuable stakeholder and would be part of any engagement undertaken.

Thank you again for writing and for working together to grow Alberta's future through sustainable farms and forests, prosperous industries, and resilient communities.

Sincerely,

Honourable Devin Dreeshen

Minister, Agriculture and Forestry

cc: Honourable Jason Kenney, Premier of Alberta

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