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Jeff Jacobsen  
NCRA Executive Director  
Michigan State University  
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Dear Jeff:

I am writing in support of the creation of a North Central Development Committee to prepare a multistate project proposal to address chronic wasting disease (CWD) in North America. The Michigan State University representative will be Dr. William Porter in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. Dr. Porter and I have been in close communication with Drs. Bill Barker and Joel Pedersen at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and jointly present this request for consideration. Dr. Barker will also be submitting a letter of support for the committee.



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The concept note from Drs. Pedersen and Porter does an excellent job of outlining the background and need for the committee to address CWD. CWD is an evolving problem that has the potential to explode to the detriment of both the natural resource and agricultural industries of our states. A multi-state, interdisciplinary approach is needed to begin to address this complex disease complex.

Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DB", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Douglas D. Buhler  
Director & Assistant VP for Research and Graduate Studies

cc: C. Hamilton  
B. Barker  
W. Porter  
J. Pedersen  
G. Smith