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November 30, 2015

Honorable Al Landis, Chairman
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
77 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Landis,

The Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association has had an opportunity to review HB 267, Deer Sanctuary Licenses, and we oppose a portion of the as introduced version.

A provision within the bill would require law enforcement officers to take additional training as prescribed by the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission (OPOTC). The unknown number of hours in addition to the number of hours of increased training prescribed by the Ohio General Assembly will require addition expense and overtime scheduling.

Under current law, the law enforcement officer responds to a reported accident involving a deer. While within their discretion, the law enforcement officer decides what action is necessary if any. A certificate is issued to the driver of the vehicle involved in the accident. The proposed legislation asks the law enforcement officer to make a decision as to whether or not the deer is injured and may be rehabilitated or is in a life threatening state. If the determination is the animal may be rehabilitated it must be transported to a sanctuary that has a permit issued by the State of Ohio.

Injured animals are not very trusting and will act out if they feel threatened. This may put the law enforcement officer and the driver of the vehicle in harm's way. Either or both could suffer injuries while trying to be compassionate.

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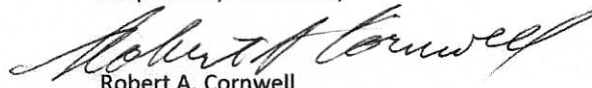
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1982
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Our belief is that the current law regarding the disposition of deer involved in motor vehicle collisions is sufficient.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert A. Cornwell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Robert A. Cornwell
Executive Director