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Mrs. Jamie Woodson, Chair
Tennessee Fish & Wildlife Commission
440 Hogan Road
Nashville, TN 37220

Mr. Ed Carter, Executive Director
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
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Nashville, TN 37220

Dear Chairwoman Woodson and Director Carter:

Our sportsmen-conservation organizations, representing a large portion of American sportsmen and women, strongly support the proposed Importation of Wildlife Carcasses, Parts, and Products rule (number 1660-01- 15-.02) on the Commission's agenda for Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

Fortunately, Tennessee is among the states yet to detect this deadly disease, which is spreading across the U.S. and putting wildlife and wildlife-based recreation at grave risk. Comprehensive information on the nationwide situation is available at <http://cwd-info.org>.

The proposed Importation of Wildlife Carcasses, Parts, and Products rule (number 1660-01- 15-.02) is the result of a careful, diligent, inclusive, and science-based process. Such duly-considered state-level policy is the proper and constitutional way to manage wildlife—a tradition that state wildlife commissions know firsthand. We urge you to uphold this proven and effective means of policymaking and adopt the rule without giving way to emotional arguments to the contrary.

Your approval of the rule will help Tennessee and strengthen the national response to this wildlife disease emergency affecting countless hunters, landowners, businesses, and communities.

Thank you for your consideration.