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CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF ENHANCING CONSERVATION OF PENNSYLVANIA'S OUTDOOR RESOURCES
THE VOICE OF 200,000 LICENSED HUNTERS AND FISHERMEN IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY



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Dear Representative:

Over the course of the last decade we have watched, with concern, the developments within the PA Game Commission regarding wildlife management practices. During this time representatives of the ACSL have participated, at virtually every available opportunity, in hearings and committees that involved the issues of wildlife management.

Our experience can best be described as bittersweet to this point. Probing questions have gone unanswered and requests for information have been met with either silence or autocratic attitudes. Lately, however, a discernable shift in attitude has followed the appointment of Executive Director Roe and we consider that as a positive step. With that being said there is 'much' more that should and can be done to reshape the reputation of the PGC among outdoors enthusiasts.

Sportsmen and women and their representatives need to be able to examine and evaluate all information that is used to develop policy on hunting issues. This air of transparency would benefit not only a better understanding but could lead to innovative concepts from the 'true' stakeholders-hunters.

It seems at times that the bureaucracy loses sight of the fact that hunters are the true customers and as such deserve the respect and the right to provide input and be made aware of policies and decisions that are made and upon what basis they are formed. With this being said it is also our position that these very same policies need to be based on a scientific approach.

Like legislators, and perhaps even more, we have heard from many hunters regarding their unhappiness with PGC attitudes and game management (especially deer management). Prior to the enactment of well intentioned legislation we believe it would be prudent to utilize a more conservative approach that builds upon information release, communication and exploratory meetings with hunters across PA.

We are willing to assist in this process and we deeply appreciate your consideration of our concerns.

Respectfully,

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