



## **QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

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To: House Game, Fish and Parks Committee

From: Kip Adams, Director of Conservation

Re: Senate Bill 72

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On behalf of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) I am writing to support Senate Bill 72 which would set the framework in law for deer bag limits, provide the Department of Natural Resources the regulatory authority to work within that framework, and legalize big bore air guns. The QDMA is a national nonprofit wildlife conservation organization dedicated to ensuring the future of white-tailed deer, wildlife habitat and our hunting heritage. The QDMA has over 60,000 members nationwide, and our membership includes hunters, landowners and natural resource professionals.

Hunters and anglers play an important role in Georgia's societal and economic well-being. Hunters provide a free ecological service to society by managing wildlife populations and provide more than \$892 million annually to Georgia's economy. Anything we can do to increase the number of hunters is good for Georgia's natural resources and wildlife programs.

Senate Bill 72 will enhance Georgia's deer management program and provide expanded opportunities for Georgia's sportsmen and women. As such, we encourage you to support Senate Bill 72. Please contact me if I can provide any additional information, and thanks for your commitment to Georgia's natural resources.

Respectfully,

Kip Adams  
Director of Conservation