



## QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Dear Courtney,

On behalf of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) I am writing to provide comments on the Pennsylvania Game Commission's (PGC) Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Response Plan Proposal. 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.

We support the plan's goals to reduce risks of spreading CWD, to monitor for spatial distribution and prevalence of CWD, to prevent the establishment of CWD in new areas, and to maintain prevalence below 5 percent in established areas and slow the geographic spread of CWD. We are especially pleased with the PGC's interest in working with landowners and hunters.

The QDMA appreciates the suite of management options being considered to limit the spread of CWD. It will likely require this type of robust thinking by the PGC in concert with hunters and landowners to be successful. We fully believe this issue will require more cooperation among PGC, hunters and landowners than any other of our generation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the CWD response plan and for your time and your commitment to Pennsylvania's natural resources.

Respectfully,

Kip Adams  
Director of Conservation