



The Wisconsin State Legislature

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May 31, 2012

Senator Neal Kedzie  
Representative Jeffrey Mursau  
Chairs, Senate and Assembly Natural Resources Committees  
State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Senator Kedzie and Rep. Mursau:

We are writing to request an immediate joint Natural Resources Committee hearing in order to hear the testimony of Dr. James Kroll, who was appointed by Gov. Walker as Wisconsin's "Deer Czar" in October 2011. We are deeply concerned by Dr. Kroll's past statements that recently came to light seeming to indicate his belief in privatizing public hunting lands. We believe the people of Wisconsin deserve to know his beliefs on this issue.

In an article from the February 2002 issue of *Texas Monthly*, Dr. Kroll calls people who call for more public lands "cocktail conservationists" who are really "pining for socialism." He also says game management is "the last bastion of communism" and calls national parks "wildlife ghettos." We find these statements troubling and not in keeping with Wisconsin's outdoor traditions and heritage.

Privatizing hunting is not helpful to state outdoor enthusiasts or our tourism economy. Making it more expensive for people to hunt deer would lead to fewer hunting opportunities and greater costs thrust upon the scores of hunters around the state – making it a "sport" for a few elite. In addition, many people, in rural areas especially, rely on deer hunting as a substantial nutritional resource for their families. We hope you will agree that our hunting, fishing and outdoor heritage must not be up for sale.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Fred Clark  
State Representative

Chris Danou  
State Representative

Brett Hulse  
State Representative

Cory Mason  
State Representative

Louis Molepske, Jr.  
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