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## **Assembly Republicans Pass Bill Loosening Baiting Ban**

*Setting the Stage for Increasing the Spread of CWD in Wisconsin*

MADISON – This afternoon the Wisconsin State Assembly passed Senate Bill 68 which loosens the last remaining CWD protection in the State of Wisconsin, the baiting and feeding ban.

“CWD poses a significant threat to the health of Wisconsin’s deer herd and potentially to humans in the future with CWD impacting 43 of the state’s 72 counties. With the passage of SB 68, not only is Wisconsin’s deer hunting heritage in jeopardy, but so is our vibrant dairy and cattle farming industry. SB 68 also lifts the ban for bovine tuberculosis, a disease which can be transmitted from deer to cattle and has been found in deer herds in 3 Midwestern states.”

“Wisconsin’s deer herd is a tremendous resource to our state with deer hunting being a billion dollar industry. With CWD levels increasing in many parts of the state and spreading throughout the state, an important part of Wisconsin’s heritage is at stake.”

“At a time when the DNR and local sportsmen’s groups are working out how the state should address and help prevent the spread of CWD, it is irresponsible that despite bipartisan opposition, the State Legislature passed legislation that does just the opposite.”

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