

- **Feral swine is costly to taxpayers.** In 2008, so-called “game swine” were forced to be destroyed at five ranches in Michigan after the discovery of pseudorabies infections, at a cost of \$415,000 to Michigan taxpayers, according to an independent House Fiscal Agency document dated June 25, 2008. Furthermore, regulatory monitoring of deer and elk hunting facilities in Michigan cost more than \$1.3 million in 2009 to regulate, while fees for such facilities only generated \$106,640, according to an HFA analysis. The analysis links cervid operations with imported non-native animals such as Russian boars and razorbacks.

Because of these serious and potentially devastating threats to Michigan agriculture and tens of thousands of local jobs, we respectfully ask you to let stand the state order classifying feral swine an invasive species and banning them from our state. Anything less would worsen the feral swine epidemic, putting Michigan agriculture, tens of thousands of jobs and our state’s future at risk.

Sincerely,

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