



February 25, 2019

The Honorable Senator Pete Lucido, Chair
The Honorable Senator Kim LaSata, Vice Chair
The Honorable Senator Aric Nesbitt
The Honorable Senator Ed McBroom
The Honorable Senator Curtis Hertel Jr.
3100 Binsfield Building
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Senators,

As president of the state chapter of the Quality Deer Management Association, it gives me great pleasure to endorse Dan Eichenger as our new DNR Director.

For the past 3+ years I have had the experience of working alongside, and observing, Dan in his role as the executive director of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC). In that role, Dan has demonstrated an ability to deftly collaborate with the entire range of diverse conservation stakeholders that the MUCC represents. Dan has demonstrated an in-depth knowledge of the multitude of complex natural resource challenges that the state is facing. I have seen both his skill and knowledge demonstrated as we worked together to address the threat of Chronic Wasting Disease, a disease that threatens our deer herd and is of particular interest to the states over 500,000 deer hunters. I have also developed a great appreciation for Dan's knowledge and ability watching him work with our Natural Resource Commission effectively influencing, advocating, and advising to help them make better, more informed, decisions. Dan has a depth of experience and knowledge of the Department of Natural Resources he acquired working with, and for, the department that is unique as well. The relationships Dan has built with conservation stakeholders, department, commissioners will serve him, and the state of Michigan, well in his new role.

To sum it up, it would be difficult to imagine a candidate for the role of DNR Director who would be more knowledgeable, experienced and capable. On behalf of our 6,000 members I urge you to quickly approve his nomination.

Regards,

Erik Schnelle

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