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Committee Chairman, Senator Peter Lucido
Advice and Consent Committee, Michigan Senate
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Re: Advice and Consent Committee hearing of Daniel Eichinger for director of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Dear Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

We at Ducks Unlimited (DU) would like to give our full support for Dan Eichinger to be the next Director of the Michigan DNR. Mr. Eichinger has had a long, illustrious career of working on conservation issues, stemming from his time as the DNR legislative liaison, to advising then-Lt. Governor John Cherry on natural resource policy and finally in his role as Executive Director of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC). During his tenure at these various posts, DU has worked closely with Mr. Eichinger on issues relating to wildlife conservation, habitat restoration, outdoor heritage and sportsmen's issues around the state. Throughout his career, Mr. Eichinger has been a strong proponent of science-based management of Michigan's fish and wildlife resources and has been integral in securing funding and support for conservation initiatives around the Great Lakes. As evidenced by the myriad programs he oversaw at MUCC, Mr. Eichinger is also committed to introducing Michigan's youth to the outdoors and ensuring they become the next stewards of our state's resources.

DU is the world leader in wetlands and waterfowl conservation and has conserved more than 83,900 acres of habitat in Michigan. Our organization believes Mr. Eichinger is the best choice for this position and we look forward to working closely with him and the DNR in the future.

Sincerely,

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