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FROM: Gary R. Goyke, Legislative Lobbyist
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RE: Assembly Bill 614, Relating to Captive Wildlife

DATE: February 25, 2002

On behalf of the Wisconsin Game Preserve Association (WGPA) and the Wisconsin Wildlife Coalition (WWC), I am writing to request your support for Assembly Bill 614 at your committee's executive session on Wednesday, February 27, 2002.

Your committee conducted a successful public hearing on this measure on April 25, 2001. The Senate's Committee on Environmental Resources has also heard this bill and has recommended the companion bill, SB 307, for passage. During the public hearing in the Senate, there were no registrations or testimony against the bill.

This proposal has been refined for several years. It has attained the support of both the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. It allows Wisconsin laws to reflect the realities of captive wildlife issues for the 21st century. The WGPA and the WWC have joined with many other groups, associations and individuals in supporting this legislation. We sincerely ask for your positive vote on AB 614.

The following is a list of groups that support AB 614:

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| Wisconsin Game Preserve Association | International Crane Foundation |
| Wisconsin Bird and Game Breeders Association | Farm Bureau |
| Wisconsin Commercial Deer and Elk Farmers Association | Wisconsin Wildlife Federation |
| Whitetails of Wisconsin | Wisconsin Wildlife Federation |
| Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association | Wisconsin Wildlife Society |
| Conservation Congress | Wisconsin Holstein Association |
| Wisconsin Cattleman's Association | Wisconsin Wildlife Coalition |

If you have any questions or comments, you can reach me at the address and phone numbers listed below.

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