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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), which represents Manitoba's 137 municipalities, I am writing to provide some comments regarding Bill 29: *The Wildlife Amendment Act*.

As the AMM is committed to strengthening public safety in local communities, we welcome the general prohibition on night hunting as prescribed in Section 12(1) as well as Section 27(1), which states no person shall discharge a firearm at night unless permitted in prescribed circumstances by regulation. These proposed amendments are consistent with AMM Resolution #16-2015 sponsored by the Municipality of North Norfolk, and we believe they will create a safer hunting environment for all Manitobans while respecting the constitutionally protected rights of Indigenous peoples.

In addition, the AMM welcomes the provincial government's commitment to consult with stakeholders, including local governments, when facilitating and developing landowner access initiatives as outlined in Section 33(2). In particular, the AMM encourages the Province of Manitoba to closely consult with municipalities located in south-western Manitoba. Promoting safe hunting practices on private and Crown lands through clearly defined and easily understandable processes will be key to ensuring the intent of the *Act* is respected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these brief comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Masi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joe Masi
Executive Director

