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Testimony of Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC)

Re: SB 1013 (S-1)

Mr. Chair and committee members, thank you for allowing MUCC the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 1013 on behalf of the 40,000 sportsmen and women of Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

As an organization dedicated to the sound, scientific management of wildlife, MUCC recognizes the importance of studying the viability of a sustainable Michigan moose hunting season as well as the management benefits for creating a limited public harvest. This legislation will re-open a chapter in the history of Michigan's outdoor heritage with the caveat that sound scientific management will dictate the process. It is our hope that this legislation will initiate a comprehensive discussion about the potential for Michigan's growing moose herd and lead to science-based management that will achieve sustainable hunting opportunities – opportunities that will benefit Michigan's economy and further improve upon our state's rich outdoor heritage.

While recognizing a necessity to gauge implications that may result from the Federal government's agreement with Michigan Tribes through the 1836 Treaty of Washington and 1842 Treaty of La Pointe, MUCC is supportive of the spirit of this legislation and remains optimistic for the opportunity it will provide for Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Nyberg".

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