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Good Morning Committee Chair Senator Dill and Representative Landry and other distinguished members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee.

My name is Chris Johansen and I represent House District 145, 18 organized towns in Southern Aroostook.

This morning, I am introducing LD 404, An Act to Preserve Deer Habitats

As we expand hunting opportunities in some areas in the State to better manage growing deer populations, in other areas, the deer herd has been severely depleted by harsh winters made deadly by harvesting practices that have damaged important deer wintering yards.

I am asking this committee to please work with the many experts and stake holders and come up with a plan to protect our deer herd.

There is a lot of every right now in and out of state government to get this done. It's long overdue and for many reasons, the time is right, right now to gete this done.

Thank you very much for your time and attention.

Questions?