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The Honorable Edward McBroom
State Representative
P.O. Box 30014
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Dear Representative McBroom:

The Department received your letter dated February 1, 2012, in which you request further clarification regarding the Invasive Species Order Amendment #1 of 2011 (the Order). Presumably you received the previous letter from the Department which included the Declaratory Ruling (Ruling) written for invasive swine identification and enforcement of the Order.

The Ruling outlines how the prohibited species will be identified; by phenotype, not by genotype. Any swine, whether pure or hybrid, exhibiting these characteristics are prohibited. All people in the state of Michigan are subject to this prohibition regardless of their use of this type of swine. Your constituents that wish to purchase swine can look at the characteristics listed in the Ruling and choose swine that do not exhibit the prohibited characteristics.

Indemnification cannot be paid to prohibited swine that are destroyed. Indemnification in statute is for livestock and invasive species are not livestock, and are therefore, not eligible for indemnification.

The cost of enforcement for the Order will depend on the level of compliance with the Order by April 1, 2012.

Sincerely,

Rodney A. Stokes
Director
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cc: Dr. Kelley D. Smith, Acting Natural Resources Deputy, DNR
Legislative Liaison, DNR