

Mark Volk Testimony on SF 3854 – 3/23/22

My name is Mark Volk, I am writing today about the damages that the DNR caused by the movement bans they placed on deer farms.

My personal damage is from the loss of importing three whitetails does that were bred to a magnificent piebald buck that was throwing about 75% piebald fawns. I had a deal lined up in the fall of 2021 to bring them in after breeding season. After the DNR announced their 18-month movement ban, the farmer I was purchasing them from sold them to someone else, as we had no idea that the ban would be lifted. He was selling these animals at a good price due to the fact he was retiring.

These three does and their offspring would have given me a more diversified herd genetic makeup as well as a financial boost as piebald animals bring roughly 25-50% higher prices. And it is not just these three does and their offspring but the offspring from them as well. These animals were going to be the base of my piebald breeding program. It is impossible to put an exact number on it but the movement ban cost me in excess of \$10,000 within the next 2 years plus much more each year after and the loss of these particular genetics that I can never replace.

This loss of revenue is money that would help me to support my family and plan for our future, my childrens college education, savings, retirement, not to mention the fear of not knowing what will continue to happen and how we will get through if another ban happens.

Thank you for your time.

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