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Re: LSA Document #17-436 / Economic Impact Statement

Ms. Kane,

Pursuant to Indiana Code 4-22, as the Small Business Ombudsman, I have reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with the rule changes contained in LSA Document #17-436 proposed by the Natural Resources Commission (the "NRC").

Based on my assessment as the Small Business Ombudsman, I have concluded that the proposed rule may put burden on small business but seems to not be undue based on the assessment provided by the NRC. The NRC has provided regulatory flexibility in potential methods for small businesses to comply with the rule. This gives the small business the option on how best to comply within their business model.

The economic impact statement prepared by the NRC states, "The DNR believes the amendments proposed are the least restrictive means to achieve the desired outcome or providing hunting and trapping opportunities while protecting wildlife populations."

Based upon this statement and review, the Small Business Ombudsman supports the proposed rule related to the economic impact to small business as not presenting an undue burden if the NRC conclusion reflects the actual result after promulgation. If you have any questions about these comments, please contact me at KColclazier@iedc.IN.gov.

Sincerely,

Katelyn Colclazier
Small Business Ombudsman