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Michigan House of Representatives
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Representatives,

I am returning Enrolled House Bill 4088 to you without my signature.

The Natural Resource Commission's ban on deer and elk feeding is based on strong scientific evidence, which demonstrates that feeding disrupts normal wildlife movement patterns, causing animals to congregate and thereby accelerating the spread of deadly diseases like bovine tuberculosis. HB 4088 would cast aside sound disease management principles to loosen restrictions on deer and elk feeding, threatening our agricultural and hunting industries.

For the foregoing reasons, I am vetoing HB 4088 of 2021.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Whitmer