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MassWildlife's Hunters Share the Harvest Program

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MV Hunt Club
C/O Brian Athearn
200 Lamberts Cove Rd
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This letter acknowledges MV Hunt Club as an approved venison processor for MassWildlife's Hunters Share the Harvest Program that provides processed venison to approved food banks and distribution programs to address food insecurity. Additional program information is available at mass.gov/sharetheharvest.

This program complies with United States Department of Agriculture FSIS Guidelines for donation of eligible meat and poultry to non-profit organizations and the processor is protected under the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Action of 1996. The requirements for donation and inspection by MassWildlife staff as designees of the state veterinarian are in compliance with Title 105 of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations, Ch. 3-201.17.

All deer donated must comply with handling requirements agreed to by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health including but not limited to:

- Required recovery and field dressing of deer within 4 hours after shot, unless the ambient air temperature stays below 37°F, and delivery to the processor within 24 hours as a whole-dressed deer.
- Required tagging and reporting in accordance with 321 CMR 3.02(4) and the processor must record the confirmation number or seal number.
- All processed venison must be stored frozen and have a unique identification number allowing for batch tracking and recall.

If there are further questions or concerns, please contact:

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