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**Subject:** 2023 Deer Harvest Plan  
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To Whom it May Concern,

My wife (copied) and I were not present for the city council meeting where the deer harvest was discussed, we did however respond to the email for further clarification as it instructed. I was informed that the deer harvest was to be contracted by a certified company to handle in line with the DNR. Upon further review I found that the company West Michigan Wildlife Management, which I was referred to, doesn't actually appear to be an accredited entity, or even an entity at all. My understanding is that the people tapped to handle this are actually Douglas residents and DNR licensed hunters like the rest of us. That being said, I was also able to ascertain that the city, with use of the Douglas residents tax dollars, was actually paying \$200 per deer harvested (total of 15). \$3,000 paid for the sport of hunting deer in a confined area. I believe the email that was sent on 10/19/23 was not very clear and has left us and likely many others scratching their heads.

To spend money on something that experienced licensed hunters, such as my wife and I, and likely many others in the community, would gladly do and contribute to for free doesn't seem like money well spent. I was spoken to as if this was a licensed contracted company doing the work when in reality they are simply Douglas residents, just like us. I would like the city council to know that my wife and I are willing to handle this task for free as needed.

Furthermore, I think the owners at 99 Wiley Rd should spend more time cleaning up their yard and less time hunting.

Kindly

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