



**Honorable Edward G. Staback, Chairman
House Game & Fisheries Committee.**

Chairman Staback and Committee Members,

The United Bowhunters of Pennsylvania very much regrets not being able to attend this meeting on the antlerless license issuance problems. Of course there has always been some type of problem with the issuance of antlerless deer licenses however minor they may have been; however, this year those problems seem to have escalated to the point where nearly every part of the Commonwealth has indicated some degree of complaint.

Under the current hunting regulations the hunting seasons for deer in some areas begins in September and hunters wishing to harvest an antlerless deer in these areas must have the appropriate license in time for the season. We have heard from a number of our members who did not receive their antlerless permits in time for the opening day despite the fact that their checks had been cashed. In addition some County Treasurers seem to have waited far too long for checks to clear and this affected the applicant's first choice of Wildlife Management Units.

With the recent and successful implementation of the Pennsylvania Automated Licensing System (PALS) our organization feels that with this improved technology a more streamlined and effective method of issuing antlerless deer licenses could be easily established. Hunting license buyers should be able to apply for a first-round antlerless license along with their point of sale general license. With antlerless allocations programmed into the automated system each license buyer would know at the time they purchased their general license what the availability of antlerless licenses is for their first-choice Wildlife Management Unit, and if none remain they could at that time choose a second option.

We trust that the Pennsylvania Game Commission can come up with a more effective and expeditious method for the issuing of antlerless deer licenses, and we firmly believe that the automated licensing system has the potential to be the vehicle for that method. We also believe that any actual loss of revenue to the individual County Treasurers will be an insignificant portion of the county's budget.

Respectfully,

**Wes Waldron, President
United Bowhunters of Pennsylvania**